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DEDICATION

I dedicate this work to Mr. Mr. Jean Marc Ndjofang of Cameroon, African champion in 2000 (in Yaoundé-Cameroon) and 2010 (in Bamako-Mali). Then 3rd place/bronze medal (in 2011-Emmeloord-Urk. The Netherlands) and in 2013 (vice-world champion-in Ufa, Republic of Bashkortostan-Russian Federation).



PREFACE

I met Baba Sy during II Brinta Tournament in 1963/1964 where he never lacked the little black Gaulloise cigar with a horrible pungent odour. He and his friend and protector Abdoul dit Mansor Kouaté (1923), sales representative and member of the Senegalese federation, participated in this tournament in the Great Masters group. Baba Sy won first place in the group, which also involved the former world champion (1948) and Dutch Champion (1963) Piet Roozenburg and Dutch Champion (1962) Wim de Jong. Kouaté and Roozenburg's fourth place stood out, but the Senegalese did not lose any game! When I saw Kouaté in Hoogezand, I had to think automatically about a major shot made by a young player of my age in Amsterdam in 1962.

During the championship of the North-Holland province for juniors in 1962 the player Henk Werner of my age then (15) presented the players of this tournament a composition with which he barely won against the famous Kouaté by a spectacular shot. I remember to be the only one who came up with the solution. At this time Henk Werner was one of the favorites for this tournament and, logically, since then I was very careful with him. So much that I won against him in this championship even after having missed a successful shot.

I participated as Dutch youth champion (1963) in the Brinta's Youth Group beside Ton Sijbrands and Harm Wiersma. I even played a quick game against this legendary player, but logically Baba Sy won against me with no problems at that time. For all these years I have Baba Sy's autograph and Abdoul dit Mansor Kouaté's too. It's the only thing Baba Sy knew back then - to write his signature. He was an illiterate among educated people. He was up against people like Dr Piet

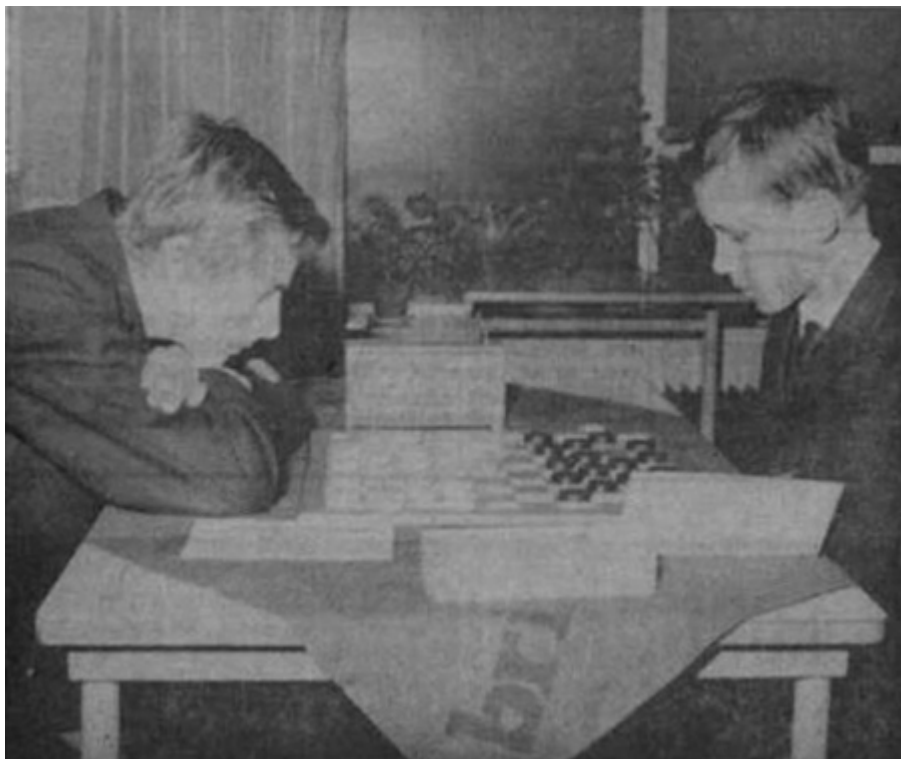
Roozenburg, engineer Geert van Dijk, the student Charles Mulder, and others. Baba also played a quick game against Harm Wiersma when Harm was only 10 years old. Baba Sy was a true genius and a great teacher whose innate talent was praised by everyone.



**Harm Wiersma (10 years old) and Baba Sy,
a demo game during II Brinta Tournament (Holland) 1963/1964
(Photo: Frans Elbertsen)**

As I lost against the first two players in the rankings, my life radically changed and I realized that a future as a checkers player was not possible for me. The 10 years young Harm Wiersma won against me in the first round, which meant a revolution in the checkers world. To date my checkers career had been meteoric, but now I suddenly had serious rivals of a very high caliber. So much so that I predicted at that time that these two players would be world champions in a few years, since I did not see it as a normal thing that they were able to beat me. Logically people laughed at that and nobody believed me. My thoughts were correct. Sijbrands was world champion in 1972 and Wiersma in 1976. From then I focused only on my studies which I had pretty much given up for checkers. I believe that if I had continued with the game, I would have reached the grandmaster level, just as did

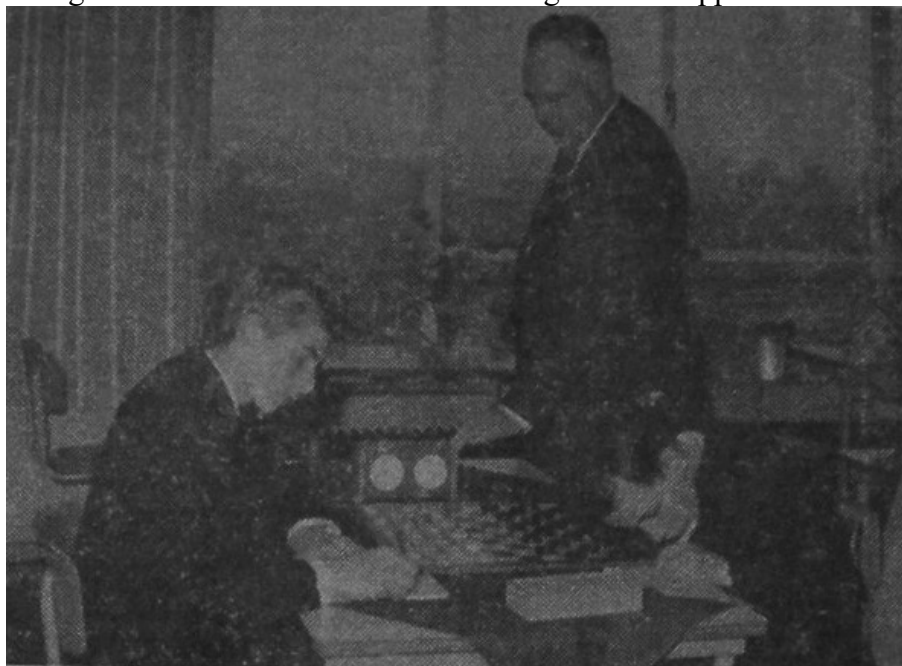
Andreas Kuijken, as I was at his level. But after this tournament, being 16 years old, I made the drastic decision that from this date on my studies would be given priority over everything else.



One of the big surprises of the event - the youngest participant Harm Wiersma from Leeuwarden of ten years (right). Playing against the 16 years old Dutch youth champion Govert Westerveld from Purmerend. Harm won convincingly. (Photo: Govert Westerveld's file)

At the 1963/64 Brinta tournament I played in the youth group alongside Ton Sijbrands, Harm Wiersma, and Andreas Kuijken. In the second round I was about to win against Switzerland's youth champion Andres Kuijken, but I missed the chance and the game

ended as a tie. The former Dutch Champion Wim de Jong was kind enough to tell me how I could have won against this opponent.



In the picture on the right the youngest player of the tournament at the same time Harm Wiersma (10 years old) from Leeuwarden in his game against Govert Westerveld (16 years old) from Purmerend, Dutch youth champion 1963. The referee R.C. Keller from Amsterdam started the clock. (Photo: Govert Westerveld's file)

I also tried to investigate whether there were more books written about Baba Sy. In 1976 Biscons, Baba Sy's discoverer, stated that there would be a short book about Baba Sy entitled *Les secrets d'un grand Maitre International* showing 100 games analyzed by the great master¹. However, I think that this book was never written and that the title of this book is the same as Émile Biscons's manuscript, which was in Ada Dorgelo's possession. There were rumours that the

¹ Dutch Checkers magazine *De Brouwerij* issue 27, 1976, page 1351

Senegalese Pape Souleymane Ndieye, aka "Le Pape" wrote a book about Baba Sy's life, but I have not found this book so far. Shchegolev also said in a magazine² that we would see Souleymane Ndieye's book in 2007. A phone call on September 8 2009 quickly clarified the matter. Very friendly Souleymane Ndieye, once knowing that he would write a book about Baba Sy, let me know that he would have to visit Dakar soon and expected to publish the book this year. Requesting his help with pictures he told me that he would rather first visit Dakar and countless other things. The answer to my email was that due to copyright issues he would not help me with photos. Whatever it was, I hope my initiative to write about Baba Sy gave Souleymane Ndieye the impetus to publish his book.

On the other hand, if we could believe what Bassirou Ba said³ in the eighties, there would be a chance of getting the "Feu" (deceased) Grandmaster Baba Sy's library in order to put it at the disposal of the Senegalese Federation of checkers.

I have contacted several Senegalese for photography and more information. But as being white is synonymous with being rich in any country of black Africa, one does not want to do anything for free and buying everything would increase the selling price a great deal. So I had to stop trying, since the money provided yielded no fruit whatsoever. Everything changed with the collaboration of Mr. Jean Marc Ndjofang who obtained data about Baba Sy from Mr. Ndongo Fall.

I was with Baba Sy in Hoogezaand/Sappemeer (Holland) during II Brinta Tournament in late December 1963 and early January 1964. Baba Sy played then for the biggest group next to Wim de Jong who was Dutch champion in 1962 and Piet Roozenburg, former world champion in 1948, 1951, 1952, and 1955. I with my title as Dutch youth champion played in the youth group in which the two child

² Dutch Checkers magazine *Het Damspel* issue. 5, November 2006 Page 23

³ Dutch Checkers magazine *Dammagazine* issue 60-61, 1980 pp. 2727-2728

prodigies Tonny Sijbrands and Andreas Kuijken were also found according to the newspapers. They did not speak about the child prodigy Harm Wiersma yet, but when he beat me, he was a child prodigy for me, not Andreas Kuijken.

Well, I won against Wim de Jong in 1965 and finished third in my province (behind Ton Sijbrands), where the first 2 used to be in the national championship. I considered my career as a checkers player finished because I realized that I had no future in Holland with geniuses like Ton Sijbrands and Harm Wiersma. Proofs that I was right in my decision were their titles as world champions. Whatever it was, the game at the highest level had at least taught me something that would help me a lot in my business career. I mean the ability to perform deep analysis in checkers, where all possible moves are studied and the *competitive spirit* inherited from it. That is the desire to always be among the best in the world.

Then in 1978 I became part of a society as partner and worker with leading professors (ex-rectors of the University). I felt like I was back at the checkerboard. I had the same great performance pressure or the same strong desire for achievement. When the partners told me that I too as a seller abroad, had to take care of future new products of the company, it was clear. I wanted to have the best product in the world and I managed to get it with Neohesperidin Dihydrochalcon, a sweetener made from oranges. I was with TNO in Delft to obtain studies in rats. Years later those responsible for the multinational (Ferrer Group of Barcelona) that bought our company in 1989 confessed to me that they bought it precisely for this sweetener.

A few weeks ago, during writing of this book, a similar achievement was repeated when I heard that the Israeli multinational Frutarome bought Nutrafur (whose previous name was Furfural) on September 4 2015. In this firm I introduced as an external consultant, after a long study of the international market, the product Rosemary Extract, an antioxidant for food which brought us among the best in the world

thanks to the work of two bright chemists⁴ and above all thanks to the game of checkers!

The reader notices with all this that I attribute my possible success to innovative products in the different companies to checkers, a mental sport which taught me how to deeply analyze and consider all possible moves. But there is more. I also know the mind that Ton Sijbrands has and the steps he had to take to be among the best in the world. I copied a lot from him in this sense for business. You should go ahead in any possible way and keep going after more than a failure - better times will come. Always believe in your potential and for success you have to think differently from others. II Brinta Tournament also opened my eyes regarding other countries. Suddenly I saw Holland as really small and wanted to master languages, since I did not understand Baba Sy and other players. My interest in other countries comes from Baba Sy and my desire was to see the world and be outside Holland.

To better understand Baba Sy's incredible achievement it is absolutely necessary to consider what the situation of checkers was in those years - about 14 years before newspapers began to talk about the genius Baba Sy from Senegal. It is then that checkers was well introduced in France, Holland, Canada, and Russia. This necessarily implied books about the game, world championships, international tournaments, and other ways to play the game well.

That is why the capacity of this natural talent from Senegal is so strange and great. This man could neither write nor read and suddenly was among the strongest players in the world in the 1960 world championship and after winning against the 1959 world champion Iser Kuperman ranked second in the championship.

⁴ I dedicated my 2004 book to them: *La reina Isabel la Católica: su reflejo en la dama poderosa de Valencia, cuna del ajedrez moderno y origen del juego de damas*, Generalidad Valenciana, p. VII.

How is this possible for a man who had never seen a book and used to play on another checkers board in 1959 with the long diagonal at the right to suddenly be almost the best in the world in 1960 and the best in the world in 1963? Now I have the answer to this question, since I wrote in 2015 a work about the Sufi mystic Ibn Sab'in (1217-1270) from Ricote Valley. Back then people did not need books, as they had everything in their memory. They memorized the Koran and other books. Baba Sy did not need books - he had everything in his memory and was a very smart person. He knew at least 4 languages. A dialect spoken in his hometown Donaya, Wolof, which is Senegal's official language, Arabic, and French. We tend to say that a man who cannot read nor write is an illiterate, but now we understand that no part of him was uneducated or ignorant, he simply had no chance to go to school.

This book should be considered a historical book, as it is the draughts career of Baba Sy. However, those who want to go into deep analysis of Baba Sy's games need to buy the book of Ton Sijbrands (*Baba Sy, Le Grand Livre de Baba Sy* 1989).

Finally my book also briefly describes the rise of the checkers prodigies Harm Wiersma and Ton Sijbrands in the years when Baba Sy's play level was at the peak. Within a few years they would take over the world championship from Baba Sy and others, such as Kuperman, Shchegolev, and Andreiko.

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illness found the strength to send text and photos in the past. I owe a lot to Dr. Diego Rodriguez of France since he provided me with lots of photographs of Baba Sy's championships in France. We talked a lot on the phone about Baba Sy whom he met personally with Michael Hisard. I hope not to forget anyone so THANK YOU all.

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CHAPTER 1

Baba Sy stayed some time in Holland

After his great success in Amsterdam where Baba Sy won twice against Piet Bakhuizen during the Lucas Bols Tournament, another tournament was organized by the Het Oosten Checkers' Club of Rotterdam in the first week of 1962. Baba Sy needed a break, but everyone wanted to play against him. After his match in the world championship against Shchegolev (November 9 1960) Baba Sy had not lost a game. However, in Rotterdam Baba Sy had to capitulate against Piet Bakhuizen. The audience rose from their chairs and some of its members climbed on the tables to give their hero Piet Bakhuizen a standing ovation. The impossible happened: someone finally managed to beat the grand master.

Het Oosten Checkers Club Tournament Ranking 1962 - Group A

| Nº | Jugadores | B | S | P | S | Total |
|----|-----------------|---|---|---|---|-------|
| 01 | P. Bakhuizen | X | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| 02 | Baba Sy | 0 | X | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 03 | Th. Van Prooyen | 1 | 0 | X | 1 | 2 |
| 04 | A. Stuurman | 0 | 0 | 1 | X | 1 |

Piet Bakhuizen - Baba Sy, 2-0

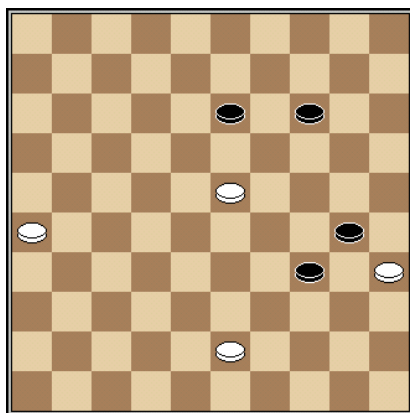
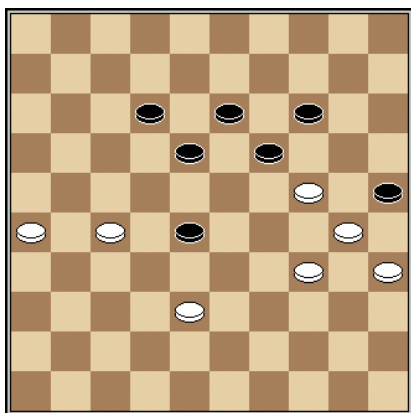
Rotterdam, 6 February 1962.

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| 5.30-25 | 17-21 | 6.25x14 | 19x10 | 7.33-29 | 23x34 | 8.40x29 | 10-14 |
| 9.38-33 | 14-19 | 10.42-38 | 5-10 | 11.44-40 | 10-14 | 12.50-44 | 18-23 |
| 13.29x18 | 12x23 | 14.35-30 | 7-12 | 15.33-28 | 14-20 | 16.39-33 | 21-26 |
| 17.41-37 | 1- 7 | 18.31-27 | 12-18 | 19.44-39 | 7-12 | 20.47-42 | 11-17 |
| 21.30-25 | 9-14 | 22.39-34 | 4- 9 | 23.34-30 | 20-24 | 24.40-35 | 17-22 |
| 25.28x17 | 12x21 | 26.33-28 | 24-29 | 27.49-44 | 2- 7 | 28.44-40 | 7-11 |
| 29.40-34 | 29x40 | 30.45x34 | 15-20 | 31.38-33 | 20-24 | 32.43-38 | 8-12 |
| 33.36-31 | 12-17 | 34.46-41 | 17-22 | 35.28x17 | 21x12 | 36.41-36 | 11-17 |
| 37.27-21 | 16x27 | 38.31x11 | 6x17 | 39.32-27 | 14-20 | 40.25x14 | 9x20 |

Logically, whites will not change pawns 30-25 now, as 3-8 would leave blacks an ideal position)

41. 37-31 26x37 42. 42x31 20-25 43. 48-42 3- 9 44. 33-29 24x33
 45. 38x29 9-14 46. 29-24 17-22 47. 31-26 22x31 48. 36x27 23-28
 49. 42-38!

This move was a big surprise for Baba Sy who certainly had thought to have enough possibilities with 23-28 to get a tie after 26-21 or 27-21. The secret to Bakhuizen's finding is that with the black move 12-17, which was apparently the only possible move for blacks, Bakhuizen would continue with 38-33, 28x39, 34x43, 27-21, 19x30, 21x23, and then the surprising situation of the diagram would follow:



Baba Sy calculated at the board that he would lose then. Only when he played 34-40 (whites 35x44) then he would lose a pawn, but pawn 26's advance or eventually 23 would then be decisive. It is true, for example, that whites after 14-20 or 13-19 should play with precision, but in all cases the 4 to 2 final would be won for the whites.

Piet Bakhuizen

(The Het Damspel Magazine, March/April 1962)

It was for this reason that the Senegalese played (now again from the notation) 49. . . . 8-33 50.38x29 12-17 It is true that this sequel would allow free progress towards the king, but Baba Sy would reach a loose end as follows:

51.27-21 17-22 52.21-16 22-27 53.16-11 27-32 54.11- 7 32-37

55. 7- 2 37-41 56. 2-11 41-46 57.26-21 14-20

in a vain attempt to get to a four to two ending.

58.24x15 18-23 59.29x 9 19-24 60.30x19 46x26 61.11-33

A suitable rebuttal. Blacks cannot stop pawn 15's victorious advance, thus the 33-42 move. And if 26-12 then would decide 33-29 after which pawn 15 would become king and the rest is an elementary technical end. Consequently black capitulated. Bakhuizen had put an end to the famous Senegalese's winning streak!

Het Oosten Checkers Club Tournament Ranking 1962 - Group B

| Nº | Jugadores | País | K | A | T | B | Total |
|----|-----------------------|---------|---|---|---|---|-------|
| 01 | Abdoul Mansour Kouaté | Senegal | X | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| 02 | G.J. Aarts | Holanda | 1 | X | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 03 | J.J. van Tol | Holanda | 0 | 1 | X | 2 | 3 |
| 04 | P. van Baarlen | Holanda | 1 | 1 | 0 | X | 2 |



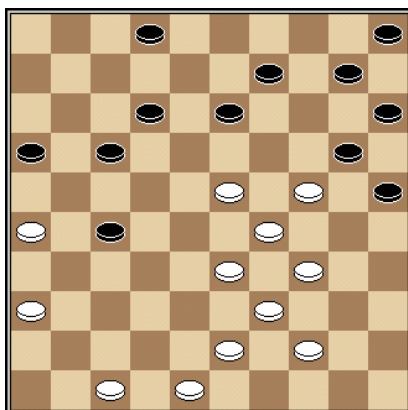
Adoul Mansour (Mansour Abdoullah) Kouaté won this group, but had to work hard since players like Aarts and Van Baarlen tied against him. In the last round he could beat to J. van Tol in a spectacular game. The game was as follows:

J.J. van Tol

Photo: Het Damspel 5-6, 1961

Abdoul Mansour Kouaté - J.J. van Tol 2-0 01-01-1962
Leiden

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| 5.37-32 | 16-21 | 6.39-33 | 11-16 | 7.44-39 | 7-12 | 8.50-44 | 21-26 |
| 9.29-24 | 26x37 | 10.32x41 | 19x30 | 11.35x24 | 6-11 | 12.41-37 | 1-6 |
| 13.46-41 | 17-21 | 14.37-32 | 11-17 | 15.41-37 | 18-22 | 16.34-29 | 14-20 |
| 17.40-34 | 9-14 | 18.45-40 | 21-27 | 19.32x21 | 17x26 | 20.28x17 | 12x21 |
| 21.33-28 | 14-19 | 22.40-35 | 19x30 | 23.35x24 | 10-14 | 24.44-40 | 14-19 |
| 25.40-35 | 19x30 | 26.35x24 | 4-10 | 27.38-33 | 6-11 | 28.49-44 | 11-17 |
| 29.28-23 | 3-9 | 30.37-31 | 26x37 | 31.42x31 | 8-12 | 32.31-26 | 21-27 |



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| 33.34-30 | 25x34 | 34.39x30 | 20-25 | 35.44-39 | 25x34 | 36.39x30 | 9-14 |
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| 49.17x26 | 5-10 | 50.30-24 | 10-14 | 51.19x10 | 15x4 | 52.24-19 | 4-9 |
| 53.26-21 | 27x16 | 54.19-13 | 16-21 | 55.13x22 | 32-37 | 56.42x31 | 21-26 |
| 57.31-27 | 26-31 | 58.39-33 | 9-14 | 59.33-29 | 14-20 | 60.22-17 | 31x11 |
| 61.36-31 | 11-17 | 62.31-27 | 20-25 | 63.29-24 | | | |

On Wednesday January 10 1962 Baba Sy played simultaneously against 50 players in Alblasserdam. He won 33 games, tied in 16, and lost to D. de Jong from Papendrecht. Abdoul Mansour Kouaté was playing a game against Alblasserdam's junior champion, which he won.

Hoogezaand six-player match ranking 1962

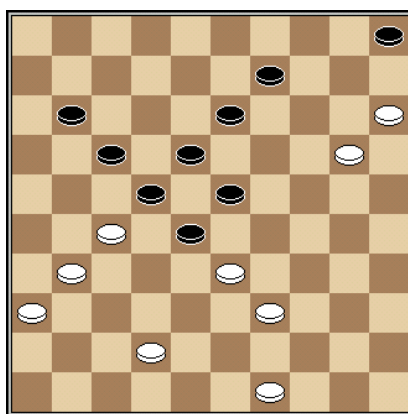
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| 02 | Jan Dallinga | 0 | X | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| 03 | Abdoul Mansour Kouaté | 0 | 1 | X | 1 | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| 04 | Douwe de Jong | 0 | 0 | 1 | X | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| 05 | J. Plukker | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | X | 1 | 2 |
| 06 | S. Mensonides | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | X | 1 |

The famous Baba Sy and his colleague Abdoul Mansour Kouaté were not quiet. We see them in Hoogezaand from January 12 to 16 1962 participating in a six-player match. As expected, in this meeting Baba Sy came first in the ranking.

Baba Sy - J. Plukker
Hoogezaand 1962

2-0 13-01-1962

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S. Mensonides

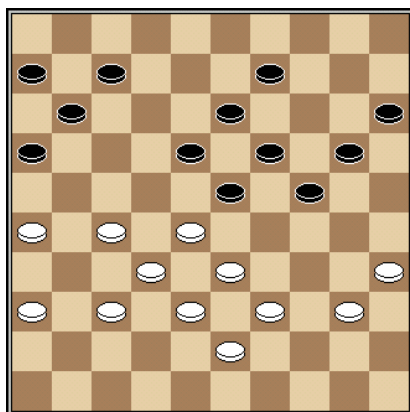
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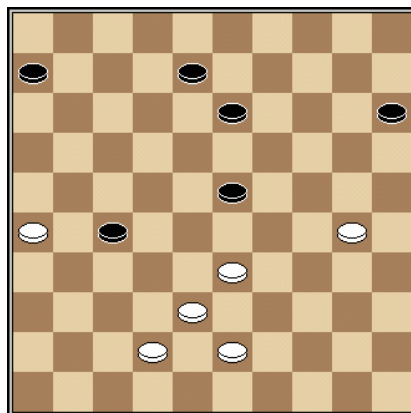
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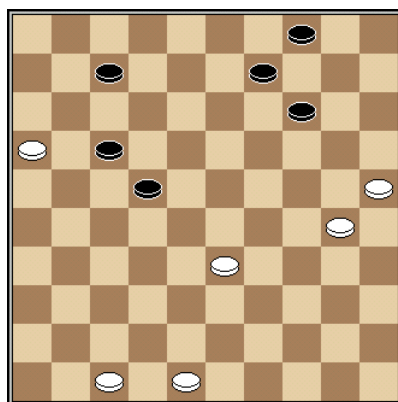
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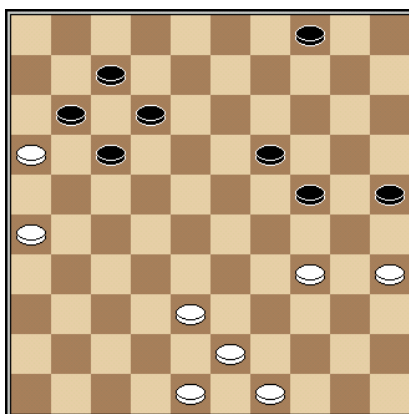
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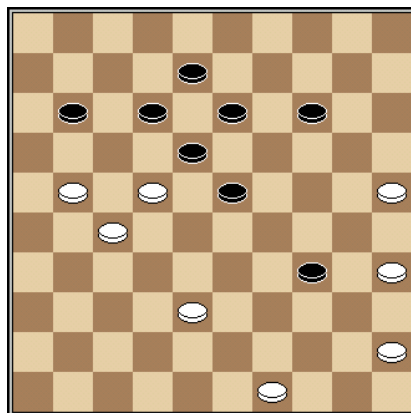


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During the days after this six-player match a meeting of four players was organized in the famous City University of Leiden between January 17 and 18 with the help of the Leidse Courant newspaper.

Both Baba Sy and Mansour Kouaté caused a revolution in a department store in Leiden for their ways of picking up and leaving women's underwear from various storages. This happened on January 17. Apparently they adorned themselves with these clothes in Dakar, but logically this show was watched with amazement.

During the matches of this tournament Baba Sy received a phone call from Huissen offering a driver's job, but Baba could not accept this offer by phone⁵.



From left to right: Koens (Leidsche Courant's editor in chief), Baba Sy, Van Egmont (Sports editor), Van der Vlist (LDV Chairman), Abdoul Mansour Kouaté, Herber (Leidse Courant's Sports editor)
Photo: Leidse Courant, January 17 1962

⁵ Leidsch Dagblad, January 18, 1962.

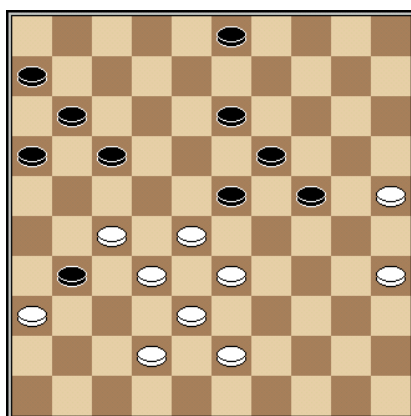
Also in this tournament Baba Sy showed his talent and finished first.

Leiden four-players match ranking 1962

| Nº | Jugadores | B | L | K | M | Total |
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| 01 | Baba Sy | X | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| 02 | Jan van Leeuwen | 1 | X | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| 03 | Abdoul Mansour Kouaté | 0 | 1 | X | 1 | 2 |
| 04 | J. Mertens | 0 | 0 | 1 | X | 1 |

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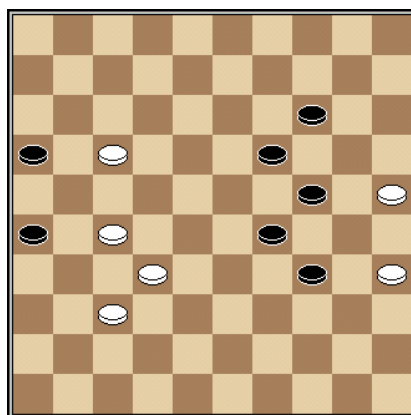
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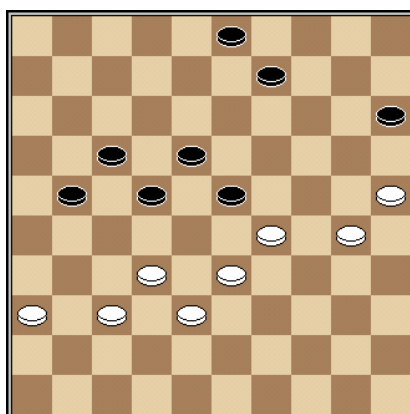


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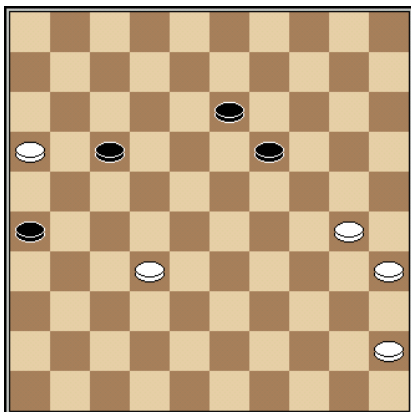


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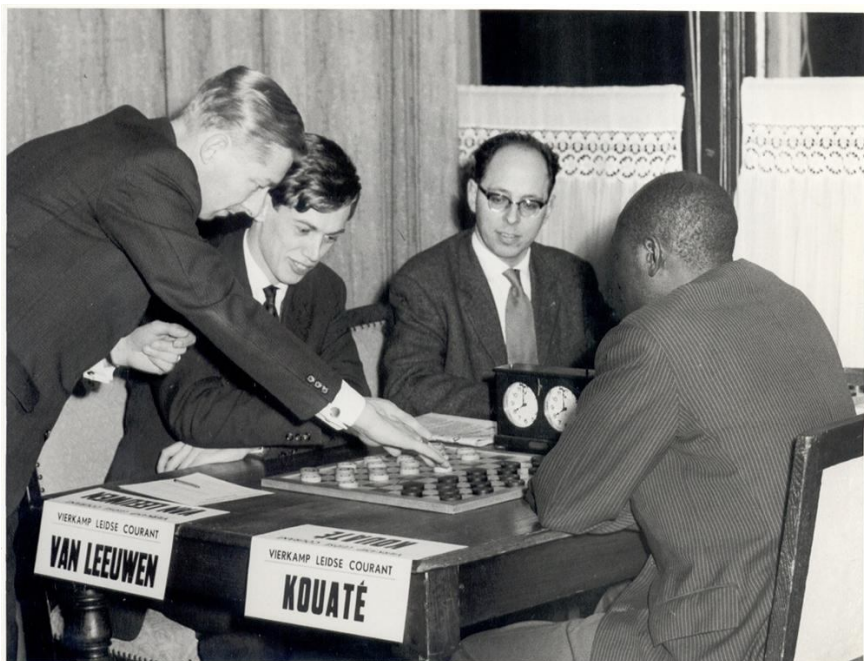


Baba Sy reception by Jos Mertens (right) Photo: Jos Mertens 1911-1964

In the last round, held at night in the great hall of the De Vergulde Turk (The Golden Turkish) restaurant, Baba Sy had to play against the young Jan van Leeuwen. This player gave Baba Sy a lot of trouble. He sweated enormously, but finally the match ended in a tie and with this Baba Sy could celebrate another success in his favor. In the diagram on the side we see that Jan van Leeuwen (with white colour) could not beat Abdoul Mansour Kouaté in previous days; 30-24 which quickly ended in a tie⁶.



⁶ Nieuwe Leidsche Courant, January 18 1962



Jan van Leeuwen against Mansour Kouaté, Leiden, 1962
(Photo: Jos Mertens 1911-1964)

Baba Sy and Mansour Kouaté ended their stay in Leiden on January 19, making a simultaneous game against 100 players in the great hall of De Burcht with Jan van Leeuwen's help. Baba Sy, after 3 hours, had played 52 matches of which he won 41, tied in 10, and lost to L. Matze.

At the same time Kouaté had played 24 games of which he won 10, tied in 4, and lost to G. Hoek. Finally Jan van Leeuwen played 23 games, won 20, and tied in 3.



Baba Sy smoking his inseparable Gaulloise in Leiden on January 19 1962
Photo: Leidsche Coursant, January 20 1962

Piet Levels, the Huissen Checkers club secretary, called with Baba Sy on the evening of Wednesday January 17 1962. He wanted to know what the conditions of Baba Sy's settlement in Huissen were. On Friday January 19 1962 Piet Levels and Heijting went to Leiden to talk to Baba Sy in the presence of two Leidsche Courant editors who worked as interpreters. Baba Sy said that he found the offer of working as a private driver for Heijting attractive once the Liege Applicants Tournament ended in September. He would consider this offer if he did not obtain better offers in Senegal. Baba Sy accepted the offer on a handshake, but did not sign any contract.



**From left to right: A.W. Heijting, Baba Sy, Abdoul Mansour Kouaté,
January 19 1962. (Photo: Jos Mertens 1911-1964)**

Baba Sy joked and explained the typical words in the Senegalese language. Abdoul Mansour Kouaté had different issues to deal with - in the near future he wanted to marry the pleasant blonde woman sitting by his side speaking French with him. The two Senegalese were the admiration of all the checkers players and Dutch blondes. Baba Sy and Abdoul Kouaté were greatly entertained by listening to a small transistor. But these two Senegalese were not as primitive as some people from Morocco who used to open the radio to see the man inside the device. These men from Senegal were more sophisticated than anyone.

On the Wednesday of January 24 1962 Baba Sy played at the Het Wapen van Ens restaurant in Ens (Noordoostpolder), a simultaneous exhibition against 64 checkers players. Baba Sy took 4 hours to beat 56 players and only eight players drew against him. On January 28 1962 Baba Sy didn't have any trouble facing 150 opponents in a simultaneous exhibition. On the contrary, he felt comfortable at the Pulchri Studio in the Hague and after 8 hours and 7 minutes won 112 matches, drew in 33, and only lost 5, which means an 85,6% success rate. The 5 matches lost were against H. Schrijver, B.J.C. Rennes, A. Verkade of Monster; D. van der Pol of Naaldwijk, and F.N. van der Ende of 's-Gravenzande. Among the 33 draws it highlights the one against J. C. Wheerheim, who was only 14 years old. In 1962 Baba Sy established a new world record in checkers simultaneous exhibitions, improving F. Ramón's record of 133 matches.



**Simultaneous exhibition of Baba Sy against 150 players in the Hague on
January 28 1962**

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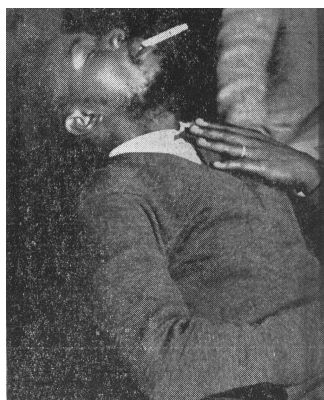
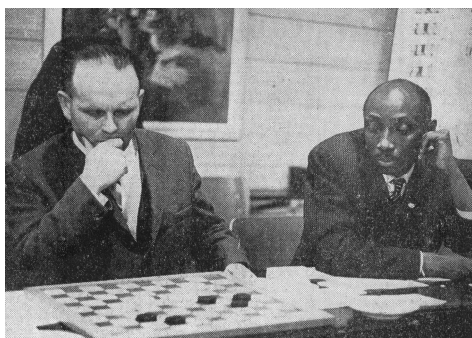
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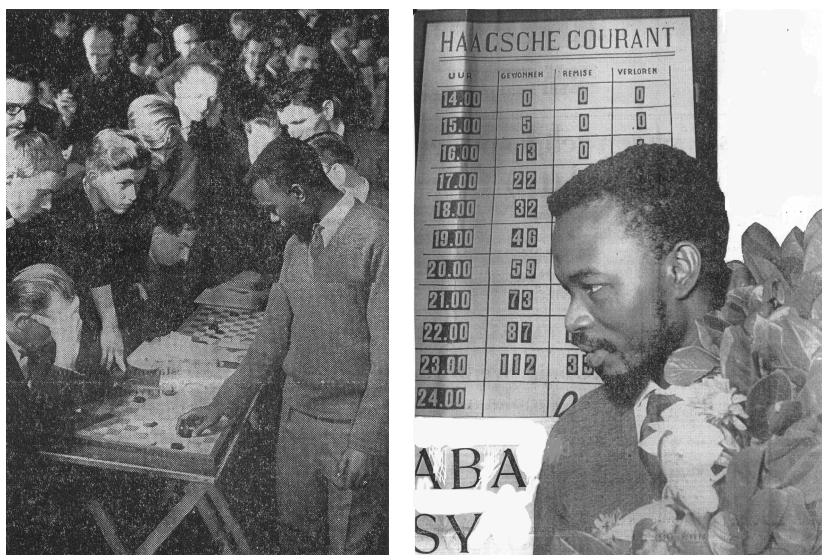
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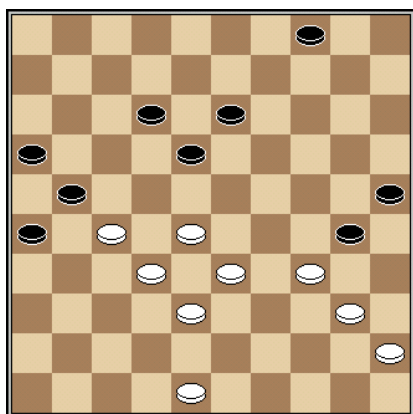


Some photographs of Baba Sy and Mansour Kouaté as shown in the Haagse Courant newspaper on Monday February 29 1962



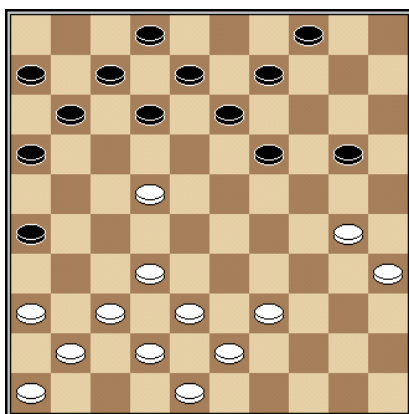
Some photographs of Baba Sy and Mansour Kouaté as shown in the Haagse Courant newspaper on Monday February 29 1962

Baba Sy was a charming man and most people have the wrong impression that he was shy. On the contrary, women chased him and cared for him. In this simultaneous exhibition Baba Sy finished so tired that after eight hours he slumped into a chair. Immediately after that a woman next to him was put cologne on his forehead, tidied up his hair, and freshened up his face. That afternoon he was to play against a lady who had been following him during his stay in Holland week after week. She drew against him. Nevertheless, Baba Sy won against a 14 years old girl, but after his final move turned and shrugged apologetically with a captivating smile. Baba Sy didn't like to win against women as it was not polite.



J. Buller - Baba Sy
Simultaneous exhibition in January 1962

1. 33-29 30x39 2. 29-23 18x29
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H. Nieuwenbroek - Baba Sy
Simultaneous exhibition in January 1962

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According to the (incorrect) report of “Het Arnhems Dagblad” newspaper of January 25 1962 Baba Sy was to work as a driver at Huissen, as he had signed a contract with a Dutch company. This way Baba Sy could also play in the city checkers club. A curious fact is that Baba Sy was familiarly called “Le Hollandais” by his friends. What almost no one knows is that the legitimate organizer of the contract was the checkers player Piet Levels (1534-2008). Piet Levels was a club member of Huissen’s Checkers Club since he was 15 who acted as the organizer. He was one of the first people to notice that sooner or later most of the professional players of the game would come to Holland. The man who hired Baba Sy was A.W. Heijting, the director of the main sponsoring company of Huissen’s Checkers Club. In the

early seventies Baba Sy was part of the Checkers Club of Huissen as well as was the deaf poet Ramond Saint Fort from Haiti⁷.

Days earlier, the secretary of the Dutch Checkers Federation Mr. Ivens had informed the press that Baba Sy would return to Dakar. There he would improve his position at Dakar Ministry. According to Ivens it was not stimulating for Baba Sy to stay in Holland, because in Africa he could do many more things related to the promotion of checkers than in Holland. Only if he did not find a job in Dakar, he would have the chance to remain in Holland. Ivens categorically denied to the press that Baba Sy had signed a contract with a Dutch company.



Mansour Kouaté and Baba Sy returning to Dakar on January 29 1962
Photo: Nationaal Archief-Beeldbank, 913-4557
Photographer: Jac. de Nijs



Mansour Kouaté and Baba Sy returning to Dakar on January 29 1962
Photo: Nationaal Archief-Beeldbank, 913-4556
Photographer: Jac. de Nijs

⁷ Baba Sy and Saint-Fort became members of the Checkers Club of Huissen. Cfr. LEVELS, Piet (2004). *Symfonie van damfragmenten. 70 jaar dammen in Huissen, 1934-2004*



**Mansour Kouaté and Baba Sy returning
to Dakar on January 29 1962**
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On February 3 1962 the grandmaster Herman de Jongh said in the *Algemeen Handelsblad* newspaper that Baba Sy had participated in Holland in a total of thirteen simultaneous exhibitions, playing 789 matches: 645 wins, 131 draws, and 13 losses. This means a success rate of 92%, unbelievable in those years. Baba Sy's opponents during the simultaneous exhibitions did not behave like lambs. On the contrary, more than one tried to beat Baba Sy and the subsequent combinations are a clear example of that.















He was well known for his modesty and kindness; he never forgot those who helped him to accomplish the dream of his life. He was a man who showed himself at the board as a person with great courtesy and dignity, the opposite of the Russian player Andris Andreiko who used psychological intimidation. Baba Sy never wanted to lose his dignity at the board.

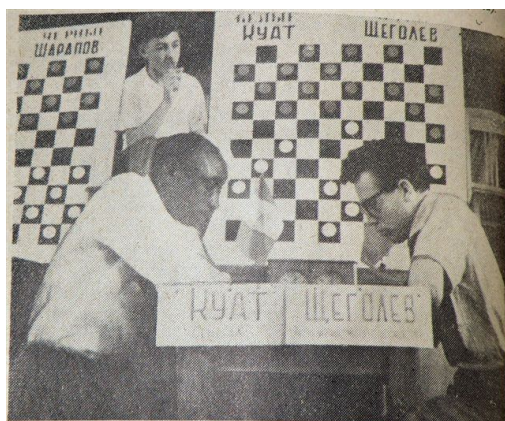
CHAPTER 2

Tournament of Baku, Russia

Between May 16 and 30 1962 the Baku Tournament took place which the Russian Andris Andreiko won. Abul Mansour Kouaté's sixth place stands out in this sense. He was not as strong a player as Baba Sy, but the sixth place among the prominent Russian players was quite an achievement. Baba Sy for whatever reason did not participate in this tournament. He would have won for sure, since during these years Baba was the best in the world. Suddenly the Senegalese were a serious problem for the Russians. Jan van Leeuwen in the tenth place shows that the tournament had great players, as Van Leeuwen in those years was among the best in Holland.

Tournament of Baku, Russia

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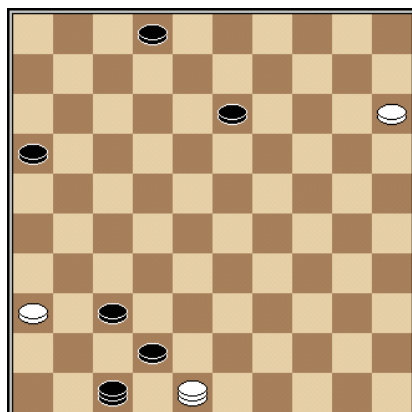


From left to right: Jan van Leeuwen, the translator, Andris Andreiko, and the Surinam champion Bakas Adjidj Photo: Het Damspel 9, 1962.

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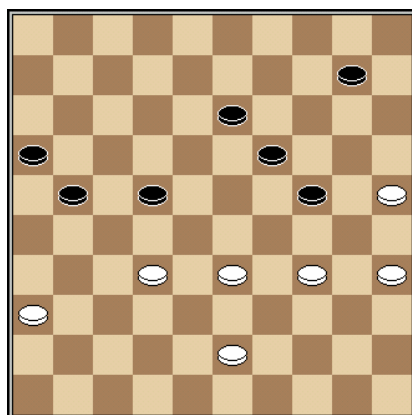
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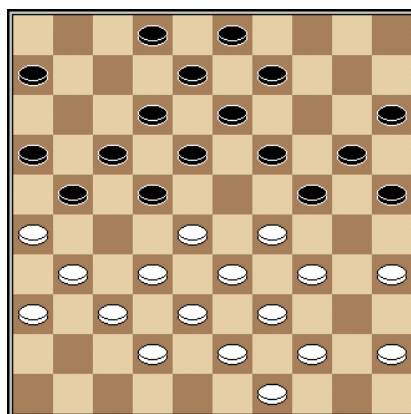


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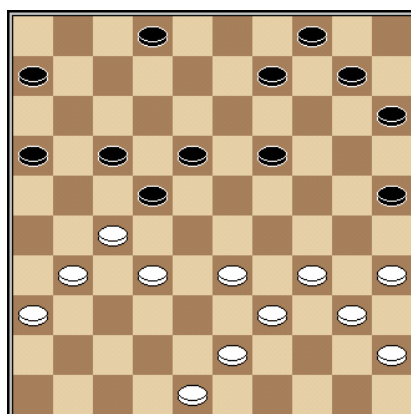


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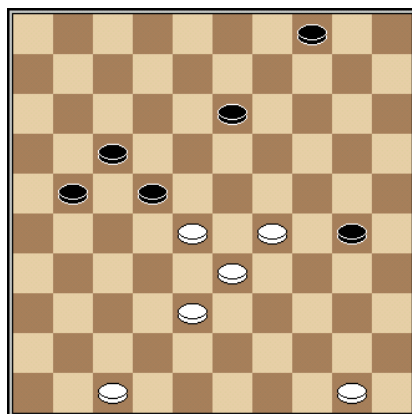


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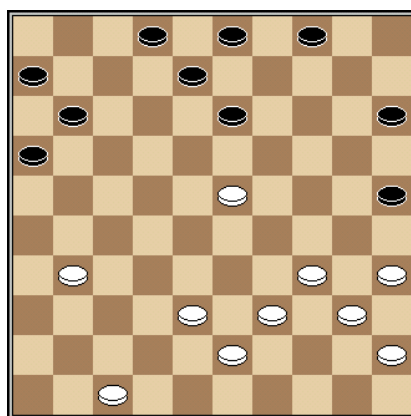


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Baba Sy in Senegal

In June 1962 we see Baba Sy back in his native country and the secretary of the Dutch Federation of Checkers had indeed not lied to the press. In the presence of the minister for youth and sports affairs Baba Sy played simultaneously against 27 players from Senegal among whom 9 very strong regional players were found. Baba Sy won 22 games and tied against 5 players. The influx of spectators and European and African stakeholders was so high that it was impossible to keep order. But logically, Baba Sy was used to these things at home where everything is done in a more natural and friendly way.

CHAPTER 3

Tournament “Challenge Mondial”, 1962

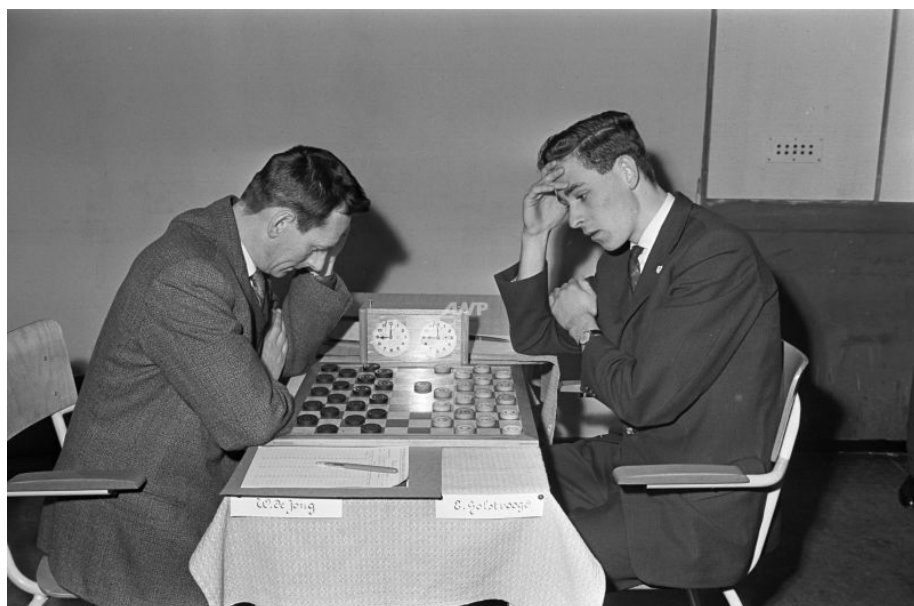
Baba Sy could not get enough financial support in Senegal, but the Checkers Club in Huissen offered him a job, ensuring that he could participate in the Challenge Mondial tournament in Liege, Belgium. The idea was to have Baba Sy in Huissen’s team of players as with Baba Sy as backup they would have a much easier time for the Checkers club to obtain the possible title of champion of Holland. The Dutch Federation of Checkers had always expressed its opinion regarding how it was not good for Baba Sy to change his country for Holland, seeing his insufficient studies to stay in this country. Presumably the Huissen club helped him financially, since we see Baba Sy participating in Liege.

In the Challenge Mondial tournament between September 3 and 8 1962 we see Baba Sy finish first, thus acquiring the right to challenge the world champion Iser Kuperman to play a match of 20 games.

Tournament “Challenge Mondial”, 1962

| N° | Players | Country | S | H | J | S | L | S | V | D | A | R | Total |
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| 02 | Michel Hisard | France | 1 | X | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 14 |
| 03 | Wim de Jong | Holland | 1 | 1 | X | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 14 |
| 04 | Raymond Saint Fort | Haiti | 0 | 2 | 2 | X | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 12 |
| 05 | F. Laporta | Italy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | X | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 9 |
| 06 | Valois Smith | Surinam | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | X | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 9 |
| 07 | Maurice Verleene | Belgium | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | X | 1 | 2 | 2 | 9 |
| 08 | Aynéri de Descallar | Morocco | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | X | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| 09 | Ante Algliardi | Monaco | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | 1 | 2 |
| 10 | L. Reimann | Czech Rep. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | X | 1 |

In this tournament Frenchman Hisard took the lead in the seventh round, while Baba Sy and Wim de Jong had to share the second place. In the last round Hisard had to play against De Jong. The game ended in a draw with both having 14 points. Baba Sy took this chance and won against Jules Valois Smith, thus getting one point ahead of his two opponents and with this he could get the title of champion of this tournament. At this time Wim de Jong was Dutch champion and my future teacher Ed Holstvoogd had finished in the second place.

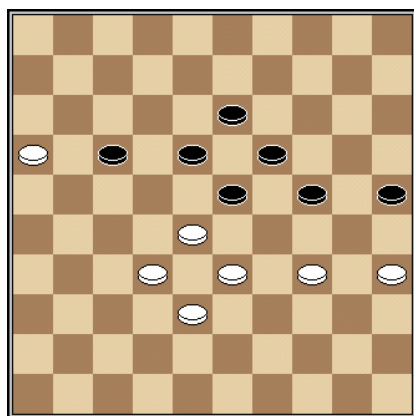


Wim de Jong and Ed Holstvoogd

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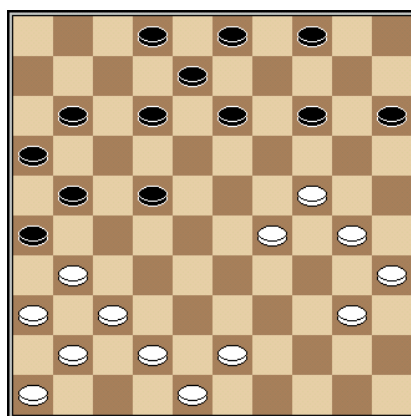
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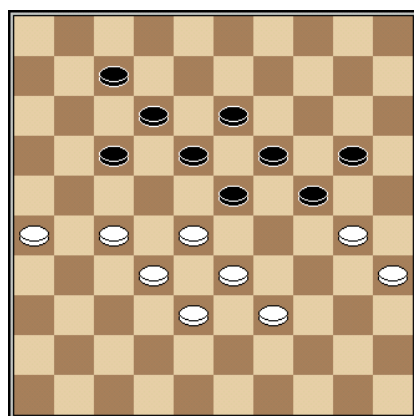
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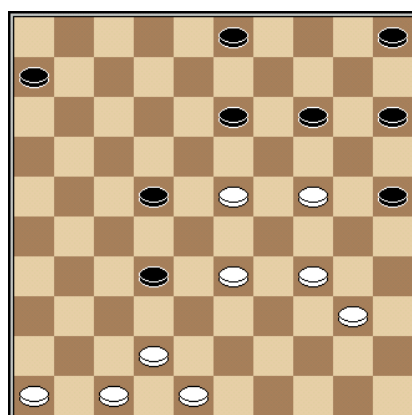


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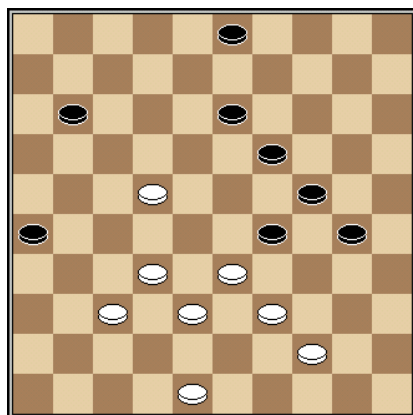


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| 49.40-35 | 17-22 | 50.47-42 | 15-20 | 51.35-30 | 22-28 | 52.42-38 | 12-17 |
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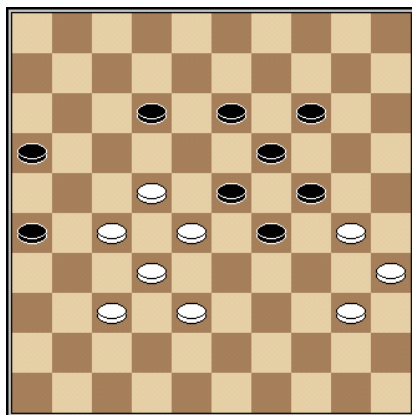
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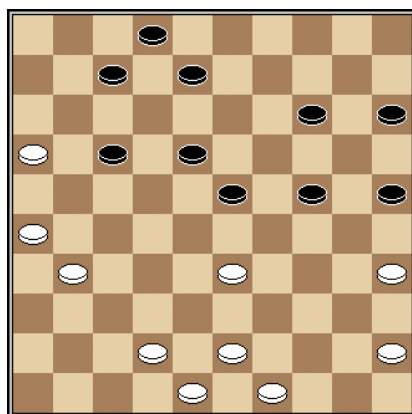
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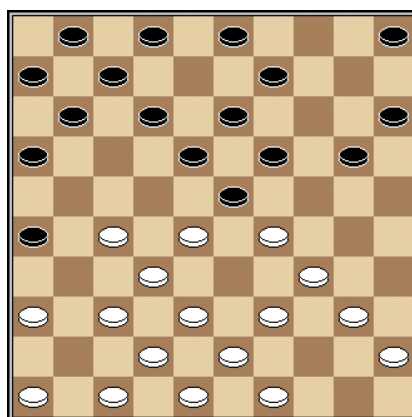


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| 41.19-13 | 9x18 | 42. 5-19 | 8-12 | 43.19- 2 | 21-26 | 44. 2x11 | 26-31 |
| 45.46-41 | 15-20 | 46.11-50 | 35-40 | 47.45x34 | 18-23 | 48.49-43 | 20-24 |
| 49.41-37 | 31x42 | | | | | | |

In this game Baba Sy (white) prepared a trap with 18. 33-29, and now Valois Smith thought winning a pawn with 18. ...19-24, but Baba Sy showed his talent with the countershot:



18.33-29 19-24 19.28x17 24x35
20.34-30 11x31 21.36x27 35x24
22.37-31 26x28 23.27-21 16x27
24.38-32 27x38 25.42x4



Baba Sy against Valois Smith⁹

For unknown reasons the Russian Michael Korchow did not participate in the Challenge Mondial tournament in 1962. The only known thing is that the famous intelligence agency KGB denied Korchow (who won a match in Russia) permission to leave the country. Korchow was the official Russian delegate for the tournament in Liege, Belgium. Korchow, the Russian champion in 1960, had earned his participation by winning a special match against the former world champion Tsjegolew (1960) and the 1961 Russian champion Andris Andreiko for this purpose. This match took place in July 1962 in Toula. Each player had to play four games. Finally Michael Korchow was the winner with 9 points, Andris Andreiko 8 points, and Shchegolev with 7 points. In late August Iser Kuperman would win the 1962 Russian championship.

Korchow had finished fifth in the 1961 championship and did not participate in the 1962 Russian championship. Therefore he was not well trained. It is also known that there was always friction between Michael Korchow and Iser Kuperman, which was probably the reason

⁹ For the photos of this tournament, courtesy of "La Revue Belge du Jeu de Dames", N°. 6, November 1962.

why Korchow was excluded by the Russian authorities. We will never know for sure, but it was clear that Korchow was not at Kuperman, Andreiko, or Shchegolev's level and was not a suitable candidate to deal with a man like Baba Sy who won against everyone. The Russians remembered Baba Sy's achievement in 1961 in Yalta where he finished first before Andris Andreiko and Michael Korchow.

To avoid any Russian disaster, the best option for the authorities was not to let any player participate. In those years sport was an interest of the state in Russia. National champions were treated with great honor in the Soviet Union in addition to privileges, money, apartments, and a personal coach. Soviet heroes of those years could be compared to the football stars today. Watching the political situation in Russia at that time one can say that the Russian authorities were afraid of Baba Sy, as he had already won against Kuperman once and Russia losing a title to Senegal - an unknown country - would have been a scandal internationally. That is why the Russian officials did not want to face Baba Sy! Korchow's elimination from the Russian contingent for the world championship meant that this player went from a Soviet hero and millionaire to nobody.

Logically, without Russian participation the Challenge Mondial tournament was less attractive and easier for Baba Sy to position himself at number one. Baba Sy had fortune on his side, as Frenchman Michael Hisard and Dutchman Wim de Jong led the rankings for quite a while.



Wim de Jong playing against Michel Hisard

Fortunately for Baba Sy Haitian Saint-Fort managed to beat these two players and this way, with only 1 point behind Baba Sy, they took the second and third place. Therefore Saint-Fort was the surprise of the tournament, but unfortunately he also had weak moments, unexpectedly losing against Italian Laporta. Players like Descallar, Algliardi, and Reimann should not be in this kind of tournament, because their games were not in its league. At the end of the Challenge Mondiale in Liege the World Federation of Checkers held a meeting on September 8 1962 in which the title of International Grandmaster was given to Reinier Cornelis Keller and the International Master title was awarded to Wim de Jong, Michael Korchow, Andris Andreiko, the Raymond Saint-Fort, and the monegasque Silvio Buonsignore. Baba Sy was there as a Senegalese delegate.

In these years Baba Sy had the habit of visiting Michel Hisard in Montpellier after tournaments, or Dr. Diego Rodríguez who was a medical student at the University of Montpellier.

Baba tried to have very discreet private life as a Muslim. He actually had two lives: a life as a European and another as a good Muslim in Senegal. He liked the student life a lot and was a very smart man.

Skilled in his manners and behavior he had a good sense of humor and liked jokes. He always remembered to send postcards to these good youth friends, with views of Senegalese girls in seductive poses. That was Baba Sy, a discreet man and a true friend.



The postcard Baba Sy sent to this friends

Baba Sy slept more than once in Dr. Rodríguez parents' house in Alès. "I will come to my house with a black guy" was Dr. Rodriguez's reply to his mother, something very unusual in those years. Black people were not seen a lot in those years, but Baba was immediately accepted by Dr. Rodriguez's mother. She prepared the traditional rice dish of a good Andalusian paella especially for Baba. Dr. Rodriguez's parents were born in Spain and had emigrated to France around 1920, taking the Spanish customs with them. Logically Baba ate a lot of rice, since people in Senegal ate it a lot.



Andalusian paella

Baba with his intelligence did not stop asking questions of Dr. Rodríguez's father, as Baba wanted to know all about the French life. Funny was the fact that Dr. Rodríguez parents' house was quickly filled with many neighbours, and that they all wanted to see such a handsome Senegalese. Then one of the neighbours confided in Dr. Rodríguez's mother's ear that her daughter had told her that Baba Sy was a very handsome man. And this was true, since Baba with his manners and omnipresent smile was a very friendly man and attractive to women. Baba had his own room in Dr. Rodríguez parents' house and was just one more child in the family.















Dr. Diego Rodríguez against Baba Sy, Alès 1962, in the Le Damier Alésien club

Here we see Baba Sy struggling against Dr. Diego Rodríguez, who had been asked by his friend Baba to distract a local reporter. That is why we see Baba Sy's worried face over making his next move. Logically the reality was different, since Baba won against everyone then. Always smiling and being polite he won the hearts of all. More than once was there organized a simultaneous at this place so that Baba Sy could earn extra money.

CHAPTER 4

The first Brinta Tournament, honor group, 1962

Between September 11 and 19 1962 Baba Sy participated in the first Brinta international tournament in Hoogezand in which stood out his sensational victory against my master Ed Holstvoogd. Baba Sy's expected first place was consistent with his strength at that time, since the Russian players were not involved. He got the first place in this tournament with 2 points more than the second. His discoverer the Frenchman Émile Biscons (1920) finished fifth in the second group, out of the twelve participants and with only 1 point behind the champion and journalist, the Dutchman Jan de Kluyver.

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| 2 |  Pieter Bergsma | 1 | X | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 11 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 141 |
| 3 |  Freek Gordijn | 1 | 2 | X | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 15 | 149 |
| 4 |  Oscar Verpoest | 1 | 1 | 1 | X | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 15 | 143 |
| 5 |  Douwe de Jong | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | X | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 13 | 115 |
| 6 |  Michel Hisard | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | X | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 13 | 125 |
| 7 |  Ed Holstvoogd | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | X | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 11 | 103 |
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From a technical checkers perspective the I Brinta tournament was certainly more important than the candidates' tournament in Liege. The weakest of Liege did not participate in the group of honor in Hoogezand. Out of the strongest players the only one missing was the four times Dutch champion Wim de Jong, due to work commitments.



Brinta Tournament 1962, Holland. Standing from left to right: Émile Biscons (France) - Baba Sy's discoverer; Sieb Mensonides (Holland); Bob Bruins (Holland), arbitrator; Jan H. de Kluyver (Holland);
Seated left to right: Raymond Saint-Fort, Michel Hisard (France), Baba Sy (Senegal).
 Photo: Courtesy of Fred Ivens, The Hague

The first Brinta Tournament, first group, 1962

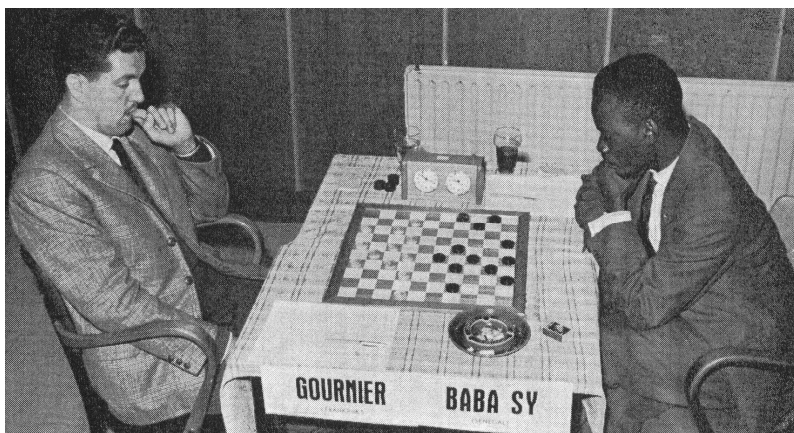
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| 03 | Van Boven | Holland | 0 | 1 | X | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 15 |
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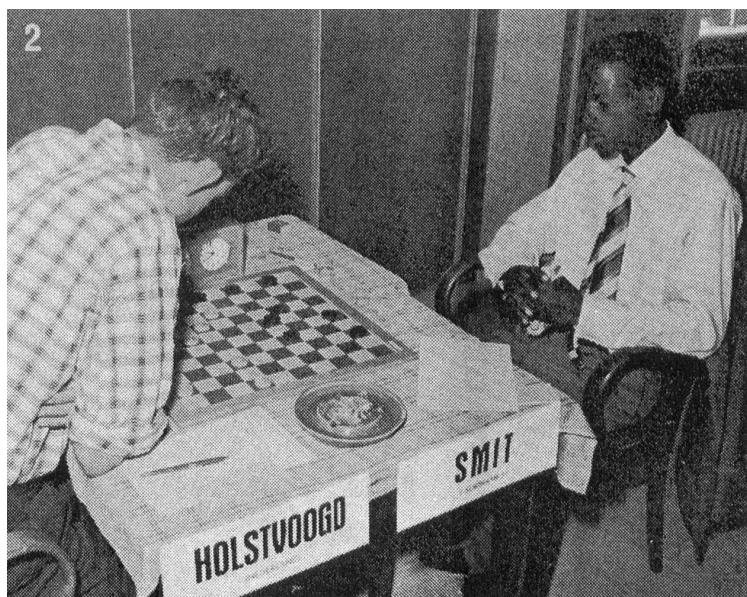
**Baba Sy proved to be a big fan of the Brinta food.
From left to right: Douwe de Jong, Baba Sy, Ed Holstvoogd
Photo: De dubbele driehoek Magazine, issue 170/171, 1962**



**Mayor Boekhoven made the first move at the opening night of the tournament in the game of Claude Gournier against Baba Sy, September 12 1962
From left to right: J.H. Willems, president of the World Federation of checkers; Ch. H. de Goede of Scholten-concern; Boekhoven, F.A. Möller, HC van de Vreugde, President of the Dutch Federation of Checkers. Photo: De dubbele driehoek Magazine, issue 170/171, 1962**



Claude Gournier against Baba Sy, September 12 1962
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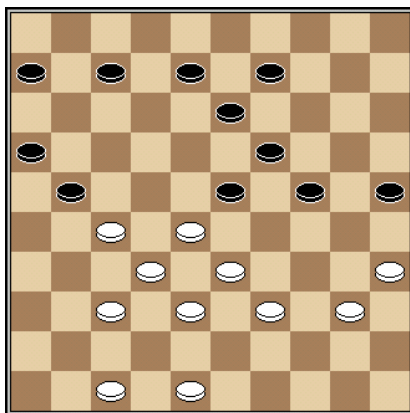


Ed Holstvoogd against Jules Valois Smith, September 12 1962
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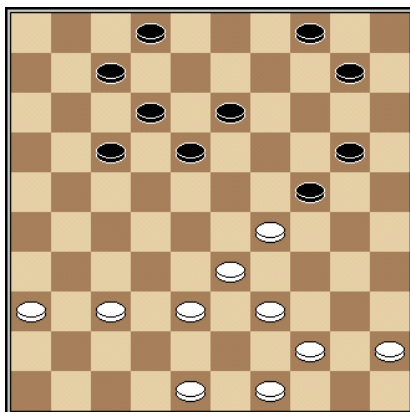


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Baba Sy - Pieter Bergsma 1-1 12-09-1962

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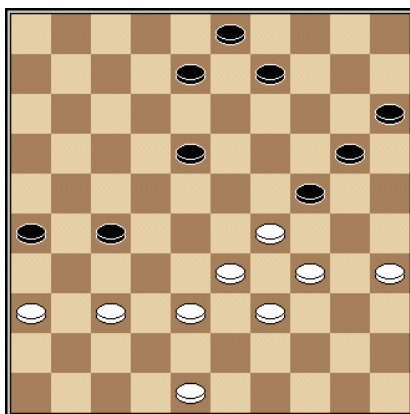
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Hugo Verpoest - Baba Sy

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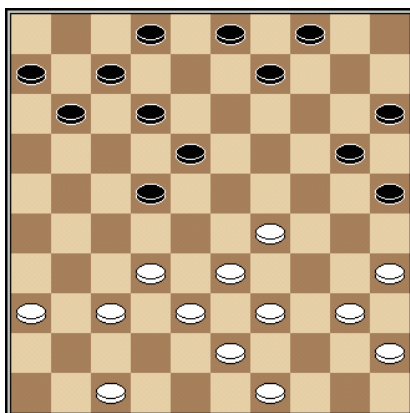


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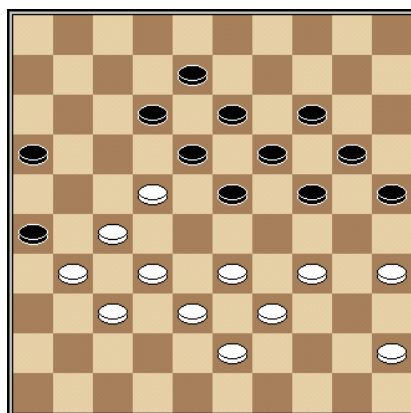


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Raymond Saint Fort - Baba Sy 0-2 15-09-1962

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| 29.41-36 17-21 | 30.26x17 12x21 | 31.31-26 7-12 | 32.26x17 12x21 |
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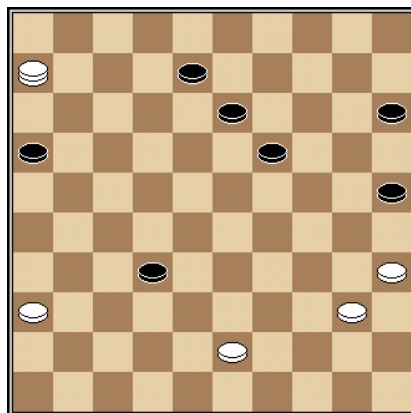
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Baba Sy - Valois Smith

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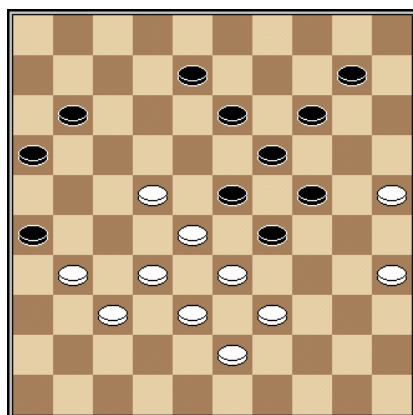


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Baba Sy - Maurice Verleene 2-0 16-09-1962

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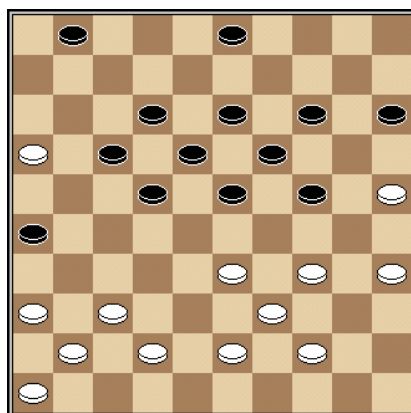


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Pierre Dionis - Baba Sy 1-1 17-09-1962

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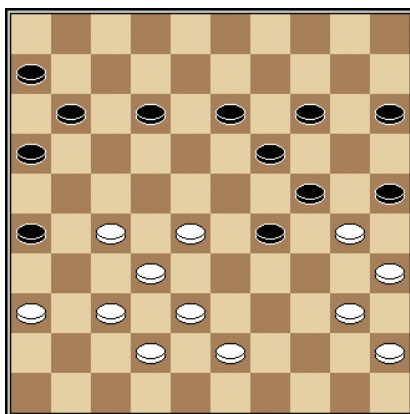


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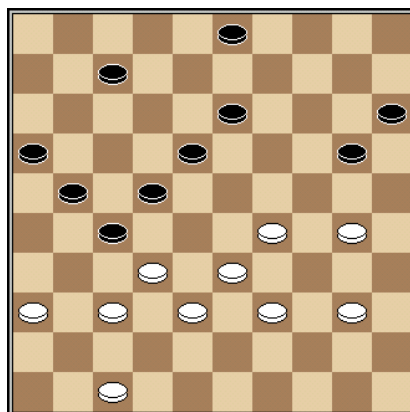


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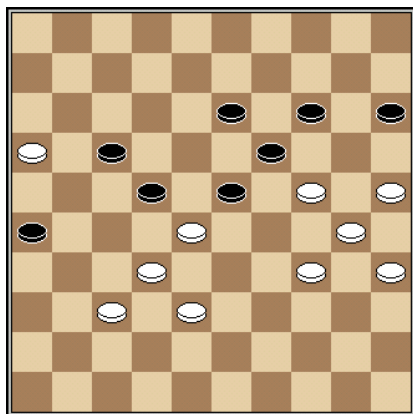


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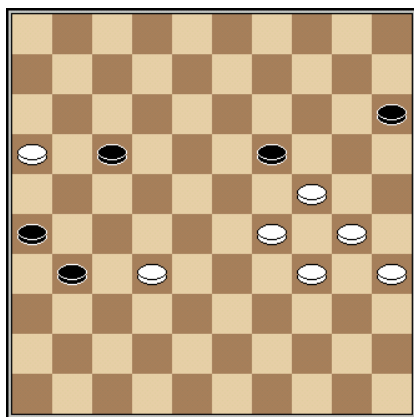
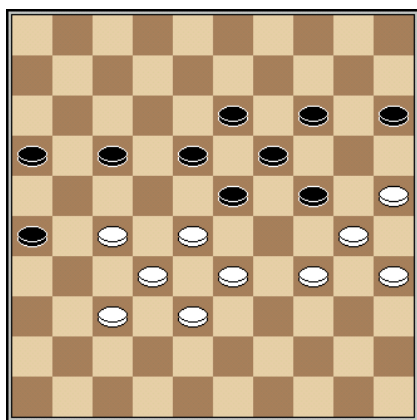
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| 33.31-27 | 8-12 | 34.40-34 | 12-18 | 35.34-30 | 20-25 | 36.48-42 | 25x34 |
| 37.39x30 | 3-9 | 38.43-39 | 9-14 | 39.30-25 | 7-12 | 40.42-37 | 2-7 |
| 41.45-40 | 7-11 | 42.40-34 | 11-16 | 43.34-30 | 12-17 | 44.39-34 | 16-21 |
| 45.27x16 | 24-29 | 46.33x24 | 18-22 | | | | |



White could win through:
 47.38-33 22-27 48.32x12 23x41
 49.33-29!

| | | | | | | | |
|----------|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| 49.24x13 | 36-41 | 50.13-9 | 41-46 | 47.25-20 | 22x31 | 48.20x29 | 31-36 |
| 53.4-36 | 41-14 | 54.36-4 | 14-41 | 51.9-4 | 46x5 | 52.30-24 | 5-41 |
| 57.18-1 | 17-22 | 58.1-6 | 22-27 | 55.4-36 | 41-14 | 56.36-18 | 14-5 |
| 61.11-7 | 27-31 | 62.7-1 | 31-37 | 59.6-50 | 26-31 | 60.16-11 | 31-36 |
| 65.1-6 | 46-14 | 66.34-30 | 14-3 | 63.50-33 | 37-41 | 64.33-47 | 41-46 |
| 69.1-6 | 3-12 | 70.24-20 | 15x33 | 67.6-1 | 3-26 | 68.30-25 | 26-3 |

In his last game Baba Sy had to tie with Freek Gordijn on September 19 1962 in order to be called champion of the honor group. Naturally, everyone expected a tie from Baba Sy against Gordijn, but the matter was not easy to play - Gordijn played a sensational game. After the last play 44. 39-34 Baba Sy was forced to sacrifice pieces to promote a king.



Much has been written about the second position, but few know the moves by heart. Whatever it be, Baba Sy knew the way to a tie with great effort!

44. 16-21 45. 27x16 24-29 46. 33x24 18-22 47. 25-20 22x31
 48. 20x29 31-36 49. 24x13 36-41 50. 13-9 41-46 51. 9-4 46x5
 52. 30-24 5-41 53. 4-36 41-14 54. 36-4 14-41 55. 4-36 41-14
 56. 36-18 14-5 57. 18-1 17-22 58. 1-6 22-27 59. 6-50 26-31
 60. 16-11 31-36 61. 11-7 27-31 62. 7-1 31-37 63. 50-33 37-41
 64. 33-47 41-46 65. 1-6 46-14 66. 34-30 14-3 67. 6-1 3-26
 68. 30-25 26-3 69. 1-6 3-12 70. 24-20 15x33 1-1



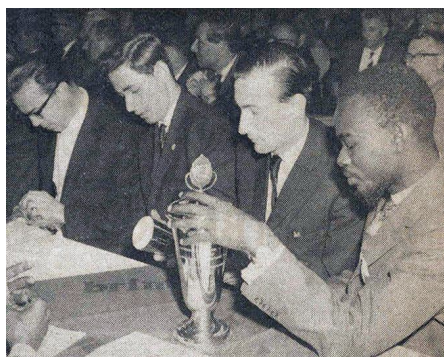
Freek Gordijn – Baba Sy (Photo: Magazine “Het Damspel, enero 1963)



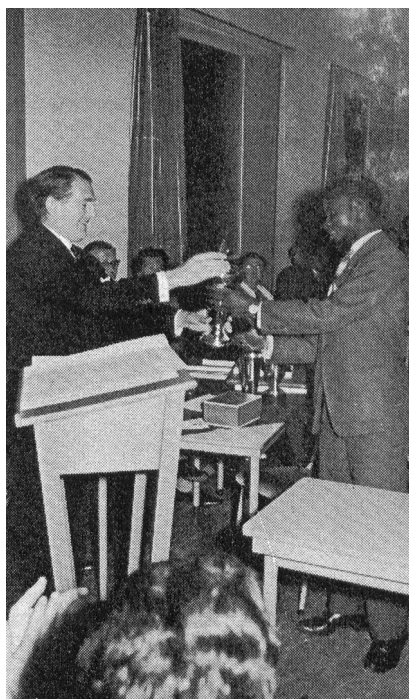
**Hugo Verpoest, Baba Sy and Freek Gordijn
(Photo: Magazine “Het Damspel, enero 1963).**



**Freek Gordijn, Ed Holstvoogd, Hugo Verpoest and Baba Sy.
Photo: Magazine “De dubbele driehoek”, N° 170/171, 1962.**



Freek Gordijn, Ed Holstvoogd, Hugo Verpoest and Baba Sy
Photo: Courtesy of Ed Holstvoogd



Mr. De Goede gives the award to Baba Sy
Photo: De dubbele driehoek Magazine, issue 170/171, 1962

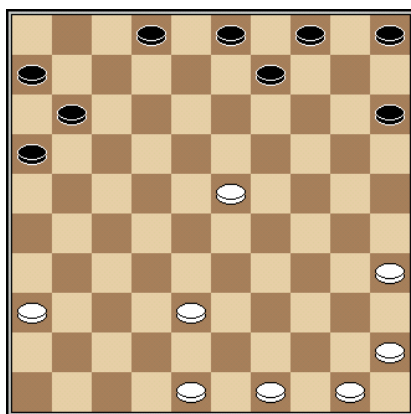
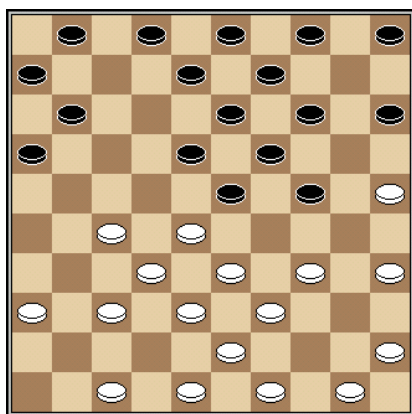


BABA SY

Baba Sy watching his prize

Photo: De dubbele driehoek Magazine, issue 170/171, 1962

That year there were two groups for seniors: a group for very good players (honor group) and another for weaker players (larger group), but a group for youth still had not been created. That would be the case the following year, in 1963/1964. In honor of Baba Sy's discoverer I will leave below a countershot that Émile Biscons (France) had prepared against Piet Levels (Holland) in the second group. In the following position Biscons played after much thought: 18. 1-7.



Piet Levels fell into the trap that Biscons had prepared in that spot and innocently got by:

19.25-20 14x25 20.34-29 23x34 21.39x30 25x34 22.28-23 19x39 23.38-33 39x28 24.32x1. But Biscons had calculated everything and won a piece with his countershot:

24. 34-39 8.43x34 24-29 9.34x23 8-12 10.1x18 13x42 11.47x38

Proof that Baba Sy's discoverer could also play very well and at a very high level.



From left to right,

- Above: J. van Boven (Holland); Fred Ivens (Holland); Piet Levels (Holland); W. van Bouwel (Holland); R. Kleinman (Belgium); unknown arbiter; Émile Biscons (France); S. Mensonides (Holland); Bob Bruins (Holland); J.H. de Kluyver (Holland); Dr. L. Reimann (Czech Rep.) ; K. Snitjer (first arbiter, Holland), F. Laporta (Italy); unknown arbiter; S. Tienstra (Holland); H. Cordier (France).

- Beneath: C. Gournier (France); F. Gordijn (Holland); E. Holstvoogd (Holland); Hugo Verpoest (Belgium); R. Saint-Fort (Haiti); M. Hisard (France); Baba Sy (Senegal), P. Dionis (France), J. Valois Smith (Suriname); P. Bergsma (Holland); M. Verleene (Belgium); D. de Jong (Holland).

In the I Brinta Tournament reception 1962 the president of the Dutch Federation of Checkers (KNDB) H.C. van der Vreugde reported that during the World Federation of Checkers meeting held in Liège the decision of granting Reinier Cornelis Keller the title of International Grandmaster and Wim de Jong the title of International Master was made. Obviously Keller was surprised by this title and unable to directly express his feelings with words, saying only that "this variant had not been anticipated." Wim de Jong was not in Hoogezaand, but Haitian Raymond Saint-Fort, who also received the title of International Master, was. Baba Sy was one of the first people who congratulated Reinier Cornelis Keller on his new International Grandmaster title.



From left to right:

**Reinier Cees Keller, J. Bruins, Mayor G. Boekhoven jr., Baba Sy, S. Mensionides.
(Photo: Het Damspel Magazine , January 1963)**

In the Struvé hotel, Sappemeer, the Dutch learnt more about Baba Sy's customs. The Senegalese put his carpet on the ground to pray. He knelt and put his forehead on the floor. Baba Sy spoke to Allah at the Struvé hotel, Sappemeer. More than a prayer sound, it was the voice of Africa, hoarse from the sand, over the mud huts, palm trees, and white houses for the friendly shade. In his suitcase he always had a religious black stone and a necklace with 99 corals. During his prayer Baba Sy would take the corals between his fingers one by one, and the stone into his hand as if it was a piece of soap. With this stone he would imaginarily wash his hands, face, and arms. Finally he would gesture as if cleaning his nails. It was a ritual for Allah.



Baba Sy's breakfast in Holland

The hotel waiter also provided information about Africans: "Man, as long as you give them a good piece of beef with some juice, they are very happy. No pork, since they as Muslims cannot eat it. They like warm milk. "Baba Sy, the forever optimistic man, loved Brinta. This food is taken in the mornings with milk. Brinta is a mixture of barley flour, rice flour, wheat flour, sugar, and a little bit of vanilla.

The Senegalese follow the custom of loudly slurping their milk. They do not care if people look at them, because in Holland they feel at home. They also like eggs and are easy to deal with, but not in everything. The National Federation of Checkers executives explained that they knocked on Baba Sy's hotel room door in vain at two o'clock in the afternoon to take him to Brinta International Tournament's opening. Baba did not want to attend those ceremonies. He would go when they started playing checkers.



Ed Holstvoogd, Maurice Verleene, and Baba Sy during a visit to Brinta's factory
Photo: Courtesy of Ed Holstvoogd

Baba Sy, meteoric rise to the title of grand master. The Senegalese does not know theory.

Dozens of onlookers gathered around the table at which two checkers genii would battle for several hours. They were on the third floor of a school in Hoogezand, a city of the Groningen's province which had already enjoyed international attention for some time thanks to its Brinta Tournament organized by Hoogezand City Council, the Scholten Group, and the Houdt Stand Checkers club, played by a select number of international checkers players.

The first checkers genius for whom the white pieces were in combat position belonged to the former law student and four times French champion Michel Hisard. The other checkers genius, quickly dominating the black pieces, was Baba Sy. A name with a magical power of attraction for many people.

It was quarter to six in the afternoon and already dark. Hisard opened the game with 32-28. Baba Sy responded with 18-23. Quickly followed by 33-29 and Baba Sy's prompt reaction of 23x32. The Frenchman took some time to continue with 37x28 and regained his lost piece. As soon as Hisard pressed his clock, Baba Sy pressed it again with his hand after his move of 19-24. The Senegalese jumped from his chair and walked over to other tables, watching other players' boards. Most checkers players support their heads with their hands: a well-known position that is especially characteristic of the Europeans.

"Baba," exclaimed Hisard as if saying that he has made a move, 39-33. Baba looked for a moment, moved a piece, 14-19 and continued his walk. When Hisard played 41-37, he noticed that his opponent had left for a while. With the education of a gentleman Hisard stopped both clocks. Whites had used 7 minutes while blacks had used two, since Baba played very fast. When Baba returned, his response after half a minute was 17-22, 28x17, 12x21 after which he lit a Gaulloise cigarette and jumped from his chair again. The Frenchman neatly filled the sheet to realize the movements of the game. However, Baba's

sheet only had stripes and crosses (x). Crosses (x) when pieces have to capture and stripes for movements. He didn't take notes. "It takes too much time", said the grand master to apologize.

The truth is - he could not read or write. They never taught him that in his native village of MPLA in Senegal. His father wanted to send his smart child to school, but his grandmother did not agree, so Baba did not go to school. With a big smile Baba taught the illustrated book "Nouveau Syllabaire de Maindou et Bineta" which he studied for an hour every night. That is how Baba Sy was. While playing checkers he smoked and touched his curly beard or did his favorite walk. Sometimes he would stand still and look at the board for minutes. He had never seen a book about checkers theory. He was illiterate, but found the best combinations and solutions. Behind the eyelids the eyes move. If he moved a piece, as in the game against Hisard (which he won), he did it resolutely with no hesitation. Seconds later Baba would already see another player's board. It was exciting to see this grand master of Senegal. He was wearing a blue-green suit and a discreet silk tie. In his jacket's pocket was a yellow pen, on his left wrist a silver chain, and on the lapel a pin of FMJD (World Draughts Federation) as an ornament. In a safe and controlled way he showed himself as a restless checkers player.

Everybody loved him. He had a smile from the sunny Senegal for everyone. Here he was greatly upset by chronic constipation, which forced him to pull out his handkerchief very often. Climate change seemed to affect his game negatively. The first three games in Hoogezand ended in ties: the same happened in Yalta last year, where he finished first, and in Liege where he won the tournament of candidates on September 8, which granted him the right to challenge the world champion Iser Kuperman the following year. An addition to the list of his triumphs completed his latest endorsement: second in the Olympic Worldwide Tournament 1960; first in Lucas Bols International Tournament in Amsterdam earlier that year; and some

months later first again at the International Baku Cup¹⁰. It was predicted that "This man will be the world champion next year." So high were the chances of Baba Sy, the player who cannot write, for the upcoming match against the quiet Russian Iser Kuperman.

"Et alors, monsieur Sy, when you win against Kuperman, what will be your plans?" The grand master puffed his Gaulloises as if he should get the answer from that. "I think that I will not participate in international tournaments then. Tournaments are really exhausting for me". Unlike chess, this sport does not have any professional checkers players yet. The money prizes that can be obtained in tournaments are almost always insufficient even to cover the travels. In Yalta Baba Sy as a winner received 200 rubles (about 800 guilders or 360 Euros) which he had to obligatorily spend in the Soviet Union.

"A natural talent", said the Belgian master Hugo Verpoest about Baba Sy. In Senegal, where checkers is a national occupation, he learned it as a child from an old man in his hometown. But Baba is now a 27 year-old grand master. He owes his meteoric rise to the French customs official Émile Biscons who found his impressive achievements in such a friendly game. Biscons immediately introduced him to the French championship in 1959. Baba Sy quickly won the championship. Now he is considered as one of the greatest players of combinations in the world, while his talent as a simultaneous player is also greatly praised. On 27 January last year in The Hague playing against 150 boards Baba broke the world record for simultaneous games, which for years was held by the late Herman Hoogland from Utrecht, playing against 133 boards.

He has played a lot of simultaneous games in our country and his rate was at least 50 guilders. For more than 50 participants he asked 1 extra guilder for each player. There we see Baba Sy's humanity, because with the money he earned he paid the expenses of a hearing aid and

¹⁰ This was a mistake of the reporter.

covered the costs of a hearing test for his Haitian friend Raymond Saint Fort. (We already mentioned that this player would settle in Huissen). After the tournament in Hoogezaand Baba Sy returned to Senegal. Its government there was careful not to lose a champion to our country, and offered him the job of a translator in Dakar.

Now Baba Sy, famous in Senegal, worked in Dakar's City Hall where he would spend a large part of the year. He spoke Senegalese, fluent French, and some English, but his work was actually paid camouflage, since Baba Sy could do what he wanted and play checkers whenever he pleased. The state paid and so Baba played many hours a day and repeated the games of other tournaments. Currently Baba could afford to give money to his father to pay a worker to do the job. Times had changed, now Baba Sy did not want to dig into the ground to get peanuts. Finally, in the eyes of his father Baba Sy was now a man of luck and success. For his father, the peasant, checkers was a good pastime for people of his age, and would not like to see his son picking peanuts, sweating in the sun. But now his father could rest easy. Baba now sweated in another way; with his face full of shiny beads of sweat against many an opponent.

Perhaps he would soon travel to play for the world championship title against Kuperman. Baba Sy realized the world and now understood the nations and people. He liked being in Holland as he had made many friends there. He did not like going to Russia, because he did not make friends there. Nor did he like being in Russia, because money earned there had to be spent in Russia. And what can you buy there? Neither the silver chain he had, nor silver piping for his cigarettes. Almost none of the luxurious stuff he saw in Holland. Baba Sy did not like Russia.

CHAPTER 5

The French Championship 1962

Between 18 and 26 August 1962 in Marseille the French Seniors championship was played and we would see Biscons, Baba Sy's discoverer, playing again. The champion was Michel Hisard despite losing in the seventh round against his rival Henri Chiland. The third place was shared by Pierre Dionis, Abel Verse, Mérono, and Delhom. Bajolle was not in his best form, since he got the fifth place with 9 points.



**Marseille, August 1962, Championship of France
Georges Post – Henri Bajolle under the watch of Diego Rodríguez
(Courtesy of Dr. Diego Rodríguez)**

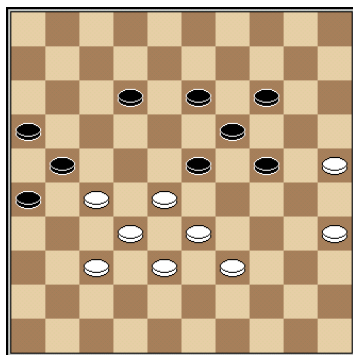
The French Seniors Championship 1962

| N° | Nombres | H | C | D | V | M | D | B | P | S | B | M | P |
|----|----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| 01 | Michel Hisard | X | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 14 |
| 02 | Henri Chiland | 2 | X | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 13 |
| 03 | Pierre Dionis | 1 | 1 | X | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| 04 | Abel Verse | 1 | 1 | 1 | X | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| 05 | Joseph Mérono | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | X | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| 06 | Raoule Delhom | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | X | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| 07 | Henri Bajolle | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | X | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| 08 | Georges Post | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | X | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| 09 | Jean Simonata | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | X | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| 10 | Émile Biscons | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | X | 1 | 8 |
| 11 | Antonoine Mélinon | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | X | 8 |

CHAPTER 6

The young Tonny Sijbrands

We have already seen how young Tonny Sijbrands documented famous Baba Sy's games. What did the young man Tonny think at the time about this famous Senegalese? We do not know, but certainly he felt deep admiration for this nice Senegalese. He surely heard that Baba Sy was not the only Senegalese who could play checkers well, because in August we see¹¹ that Tonny of only 12 years of age had found a combination in a position of the great Senegalese Woldouby. Tonny, born on December 15 1949, was at the time the youngest member of the youth section of the Gezellig Samen-zijn Checkers Club in Amsterdam. The combination of Tonny was not included in F.J. Sterkenburg's standard job¹².



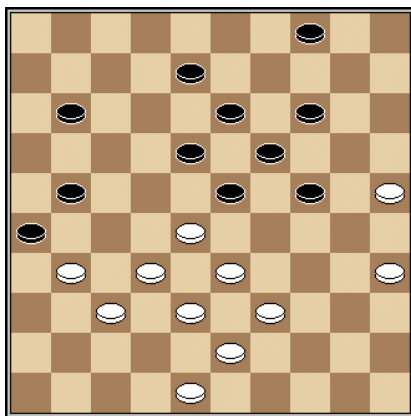
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3. 35-30 24x35 4. 33-29 13-18
5. 28-22 35-40 6. 22x24 40-44
7. 29x18 26-31 8. 37x17 44-49
9. 32x21 49x6 !!

¹¹ JONGH, Herman de (1962) from G.S. er. Gezellig Samen-zijn Checkers club magazine, year 18, August 14. Pp. 11 and 12

¹² STERKENBURG, F. J. (1989) Woldouby 1889-1989: de Woldouby- stelling. Dammen Editions

In the youth section participated players like Herman van Westerloo, Jan Esselman, Jan Berthauer, Henk Werner, Albert Pater, Rudi Palmer, Dick Beekman, and others. Gezellig Samenzijn's president was Philip de Schaap, the treasurer was D. de Ruiter, and the Secretary was J.H. Beeke. But the most interesting thing about Tonny Sijbrands' career was that this club had the famous Reinier Cornelis Keller as a member, prominent player, 13 times Dutch champion a few years ago considered one of the best players in the world. The mentor Keller took interest in Tonny Sijbrands and since then Tonny's game with his natural talent improved considerably.

While watching Tonny Sijbrands' position, it was Keller who came to the same final position¹³, but with different colors. It was a Woldouby's position contained in the Het Damspel Magazine from October 1940.



1. 31-27 11-16 2. 28-22 23-29 3. 33-28 18-23 4. 48-42 8-12
 5. 39-33 12-17 6. 22x11 16x7 7. 27x16 29-34 8. 43-39 34x43
 9. 38x49 13-18 10. 42-38 4-9 11. 49-43 9-13 12. 43-39 7-12
 13. 39-34 12-17 14. 34-30 24-29 15. 33x24 18-22 16. 38-33 23-29
 17. 16-11 29x27 18. 11-7 22x33 19. 25-20 14x34 20. 7-2 19x30
 21. 2x45!!

¹³ JONGH, Herman de (1962) from G.S. er. Gezellig Samenzijn Checkers club magazine, year 18, December 11, p. 5

The first team of the Gezellig Samenzijn Checkers club from Amsterdam had the following players in 1962:

| N° | Players | Curriculum Vitae |
|----|-------------------|--|
| 01 | J.H. Beeke | Champion of the province North-Holland, 1961 |
| 02 | Willum Rustenburg | 4° Worldchampionship, 1928 |
| 03 | Herman de Jongh | 3° Worldchampionship, 1928 |
| 04 | J.H. Ansems | Champion of the province North-Holland, 1962 |
| 05 | J. Steenhuis | |
| 06 | Philip de Schaap | |
| 07 | D. de Ruiter | |
| 08 | P.G. van Hout | |
| 09 | J.J. de Wit | |
| 10 | C.P.H. Bakker | |

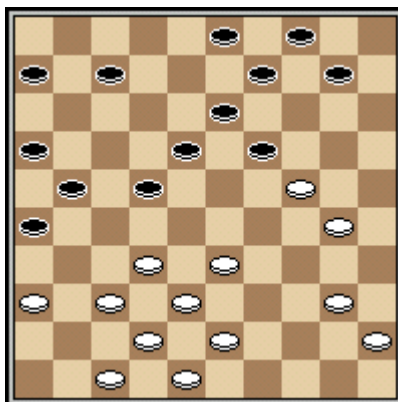
Reinier Cornelis Keller no longer wanted to be in the first team, but devoted himself to mentoring the youth. Keller would then be Sijbrands' mentor in 1962. In the same year Sijbrands became Amsterdam's Youth Champion, with the sensational score of 19 points in 10 games.

Youth Championship of Amsterdam

| N° | Name | Games played | Points |
|----|-----------------|--------------|--------|
| 01 | Tonny Sijbrands | 10 | 19 |
| 02 | Rudi Palmer | 10 | 15 |
| 03 | Dick Beekman | 10 | 15 |
| 04 | Henk Werner | 10 | 14 |
| 05 | Albert Pater | 10 | 13 |
| 06 | J. v. Amstel | 10 | 9 |
| 07 | M. Kruiswijk | 10 | 8 |
| 08 | A. Schuss | 10 | 7 |
| 09 | T. Reuvers | 10 | 5 |
| 10 | F. Melkert | 10 | 3 |
| 11 | E. Poelman | 10 | 2 |

Palmer, R. (Ruud) - Sijbrands, T. (Ton) 0-2 25-12-1962
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|----------|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| 1.34-29 | 19-23 | 2.32-28 | 23x34 | 3.40x29 | 20-25 | 4.37-32 | 14-20 |
| 5.39-34 | 20-24 | 6.29x20 | 25x14 | 7.44-40 | 14-19 | 8.34-30 | 15-20 |
| 9.30-24 | 20x29 | 10.33x24 | 19x30 | 11.35x24 | 10-14 | 12.38-33 | 17-22 |
| 13.28x17 | 11x22 | 14.32-27 | 5-10 | 15.41-37 | 12-17 | 16.37-32 | 17-21 |
| 17.31-26 | 22x31 | 18.26x37 | 21-26 | 19.46-41 | 16-21 | 20.32-28 | 7-11 |
| 21.50-44 | 1- 7 | 22.44-39 | 11-16 | 23.39-34 | 7-11 | 24.43-38 | 18-22 |
| 25.28x17 | 11x22 | 26.34-30 | 8-12 | 27.37-32 | 12-18 | 28.41-37 | 2- 7 |
| 29.49-43 | 14-19 | 30.40-35 | 19-23 | 31.30-25 | 22-28 | 32.33x22 | 18x27 |
| 33.45-40 | 7-12 | 34.35-30 | 13-19 | 35.24x13 | 9x18 | 36.40-35 | 10-14 |



At the end of 1962 and beginning of 1963 Tonny Sijbrands participated in the youth championship in his province. Along with the legendary Sijbrands players such as Rudi Palmer and Cees van Duyvenbode also participated. Sijbrands had his failures and the beginning of 1963 was a really big failure for this prodigy. Be it as it may, the fact is that Sijbrands always knew how to immediately recover from his downfalls. He had enormous willpower and self-confidence. After a fall he always knew how to recover successfully.

Youth championship of the North-Holland Province, 1962/1963

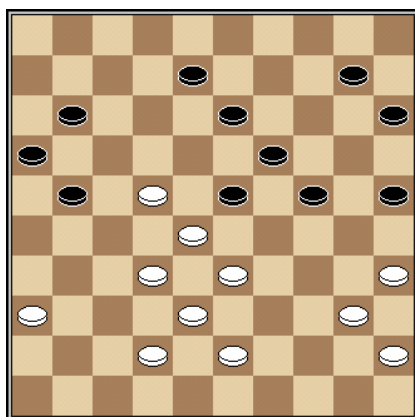
| N° | Players | P | W | P | S | S | B | D | S | Total |
|-----------|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|
| 01 | Cees Pippel | X | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 12 |
| 02 | Govert Westerveld | 0 | X | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 11 |
| 03 | Rudi Palmer | 1 | 0 | X | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| 04 | Ton Sijbrands | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| 05 | Theo Smit | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | X | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| 06 | Dik Beekman | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | X | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| 07 | Cees van Duyvenbode | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | X | 1 | 3 |
| 08 | Piet van Splunteren | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | X | 2 |

Harm Wiersma in his article in De Telegraaf newspaper of May 27, 2006 devoted an article and a diagram to my game against Ton Sijbrands in 1962. The translation follows:

The historian Govert Westerveld – Dutch junior champion in the past - wants to devote himself to seeing the checkers world championship in Spain. In his book he explains that checkers began about 500 years ago in Spain. Dr. Westerveld is a historian (Hispanist), former marketing and businessman, and wants to push checkers to a higher level through history. In January 1962 Westerveld could have become immortal for winning at that time against the very young Sijbrands.

Govert Westerveld - Tonny Sijbrands 2-0 12-01-1963
 Youth championship of the North-Holland Province, 1962/1963

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 21.47-42 14-20 22.25x14 9x20 23.30-25 4- 9 24.25x14 9x20
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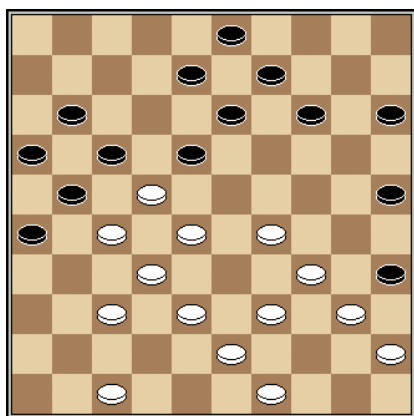


Whites played:
 39. 33-29? 23x34 40. 40x20 15x24
 and would win in an equal endgame
 after a big mistake made by
 Sijbrands. In this position whites
 could have won by:
 39.22-17 21x12 40.33-29 24x22
 41.35-30 25x34 42.40x9 10-14
 43. 9x20 15x24 44.32-28 22x33
 45.38x20

41.38-33 11-17 42.22x11 16x 7 43.36-31 21-26 44.31-27 7-11
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Ton Sijbrands - Cees Pippel 0-2 23-02-1963
 Youth championship of the North-Holland Province, 1962/1963

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| 1.32-28 17-21 | 2.37-32 11-17 | 3.41-37 7-11 | 4.33-29 21-26 |
| 5.39-33 1- 7 | 6.44-39 20-25 | 7.50-44 17-22 | 8.28x17 11x22 |
| 9.32-28 7-11 | 10.28x17 11x22 | 11.31-27 22x31 | 12.36x27 6-11 |
| 13.27-22 18x27 | 14.29-23 19x28 | 15.33x31 14-19 | 16.31-27 10-14 |
| 17.39-33 11-17 | 18.33-28 17-21 | 19.37-32 13-18 | 20.44-39 9-13 |
| 21.46-41 4- 9 | 22.41-37 14-20 | 23.38-33 2- 7 | 24.28-22 7-11 |
| 25.33-28 20-24 | 26.42-38 5-10 | 27.38-33 10-14 | 28.48-42 12-17 |
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Whites could win with 32. 38-33!

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| 33.28x10 17x28 | 34.32x23 21x41 | 35.47x36 15x 4 | 32.49-44?18-23 |
| 37.29-24 17-21 | 38.34-30 25x34 | 39.40x29 21-27 | 36.39-33 11-17 |
| 41.23x12 8x17 | 42.45-40 27-32 | 43.38x27 17-21 | 40.43-39 13-18 |
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| 57.20-15 42-47 | 58.15-10 4x15 | 59.14- 9 47-38 | 56.19-14 38-42 |
| 61.36-31 26x37 | 62. 3- 9 18-23 | | 60. 9- 3 38-16 |

Consequently the results during this tournament were not satisfactory for the young talent Sijbrands, but it was only a short-lived reprieve, because he would come back very quickly in 1963.

CHAPTER 7

The Dutch Seniors and Youth Championship 1963

Once I arrived at the youth tournament in Apeldoorn, I met the great Piet Roozenburg (1924), former world champion in 1948, 1951, 1952, and 1954, and Ir. Geert van Dijk. I arrived on April 15 1963, half an hour earlier than the other players, and that is why I had the chance to talk with my idol Piet Roozenburg. He was well known for a position named after him - the Roozenburg position, and a really innovative checkers (draughts) player. Another strong Dutch checkers player of that time was Reinier Cornelis Keller. Roozenburg due to his college studies could not participate in many championships in Holland, and his participation in 1963 was a reentry of the arena. Roozenburg had to play that day at seven in the evening against my master Ed Holstvoogd, and thus I had a free day.

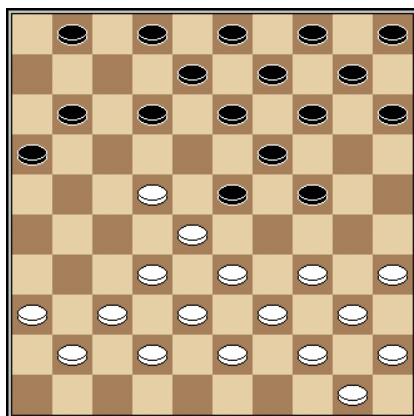
Suddenly right there in Apeldoorn I found myself among the most famous players in Holland, so I took advantage of the situation since I did not have any match on April 15 I asked Roozenburg for advice on a position that continues down and then I believed I was in the best situation, but I finally lost a pawn. Then famous Roozenburg with his friend Geert van Dijk analyzed in front of me all my possible plays for over half hour in order to improve my position and vision. I could not ask for more generosity of these famous players.

The former world champion in 1948 Piet Roozenburg turned out to be the sensation this year as the result of a fierce attack in his match against Freek Gordijn, former contestant of the senior championship of Holland. Tonny Sijbrands, who had come to Utrecht with his mentor Keller, was also present to see his idol who had been a legend for him until then. Early in the match Roozenburg put his 48th pawn in the game, which is normally considered a disadvantage for the light pieces.

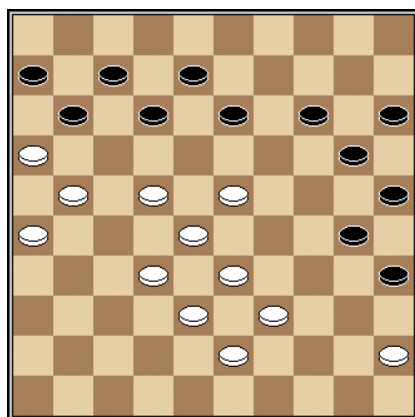
However, no matter what, I have always liked Sijbrands's matches - he always puts out his 3rd or 48th pawn without a hint of fear early in the game. He only needs to calculate the moves, and Sijbrands mastered this better than anyone else.

Piet Roozenburg - Freek Gordijn 2-0 05-04-1963
The Dutch Seniors Championship

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| 1.31-27 | 17-21 | 2.33-28 | 21-26 | 3.39-33 | 11-17 | 4.43-39 | 17-21 |
| 5.49-43 | 20-24 | 6.37-31 | 26x37 | 7.42x31 | 21-26 | 8.47-42 | 26x37 |
| 9.42x31 | 18-23 | 10.41-37 | 12-18 | 11.48-42 | 7-12 | 12.46-41 | 6-11 |
| 13.27-22 | 18x27 | 14.31x22 | | | | | |



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| | | | 11-17 | 15.22x11 | 16x 7 | 16.36-31 | 12-18 |
| 17.41-36 | 8-12 | 18.31-27 | 14-20 | 19.37-31 | 10-14 | 20.34-29 | 23x34 |
| 21.40x29 | 20-25 | 22.29x20 | 15x24 | 23.45-40 | 5-10 | 24.40-34 | 10-15 |
| 25.44-40 | 3- 8 | 26.50-45 | 7-11 | 27.42-37 | 1- 6 | 28.31-26 | 2- 7 |
| 29.27-21 | 14-20 | 30.21-16 | 9-14 | 31.36-31 | 4- 9 | 32.31-27 | 18-23 |
| 33.34-29 | 23x34 | 34.40x29 | 24-30 | 35.35x24 | 19x30 | 36.29-23 | 30-35 |
| 37.27-22 | 25-30 | 38.37-31 | 20-25 | 39.31-27 | 14-20 | 40.27-21 | 9-14 |








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| 41. 45-40 | 35x44 | 42. 39x50 | 30-35 | 43. 21-17 | 12x21 | 44. 26x17 | 25-30 |
| 45. 17-12 | 7x29 | 46. 33x24 | 30x19 | 47. 16x 7 | 8-12 | 48. 7x 9 | 14x 3 |
| 49. 22-17 | 3- 8 | 50. 32-27 | 35-40 | 51. 27-22 | 20-24 | 52. 22-18 | 24-29 |
| 53. 28-22 | 15-20 | 54. 18-12 | 29-33 | 55. 38x29 | 40-44 | 56. 50x39 | 19-24 |
| 57. 12x 3 | 24x44 | 58. 3x25 | 44-49 | 59. 43-39 | 49-35 | 60. 22-18 | 35-40 |
| 61. 18-13 | 40-23 | 62. 39-33 | 23-7 | 63. 33-38 | | | |



Piet Roozenburg

The Dutch Seniors Championship 1963

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| 1 |  <u>Piet Roozenburg</u> | X | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 13 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 19 | 240 |
| 2 |  <u>Pieter Bergsma</u> | 0 | X | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 13 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 17 | 209 |
| |  <u>Geert van Dijk</u> | 0 | 1 | X | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 17 | 197 |
| 4 |  <u>Ed Holstvoogd</u> | 1 | 0 | 0 | X | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 14 | 163 |
| | <u>Jan Bom</u> | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | X | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 13 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 14 | 182 |
| | <u>J.H. Beeke</u> | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | X | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 1 | 12 | 0 | 14 | 179 |
| 7 | <u>Henk Kinnegen</u> | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | X | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 13 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 12 | 142 |
| | <u>J. Lere</u> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | X | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 13 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 12 | 135 |
| | <u>Nico van Hal</u> | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | X | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 1 | 10 | 2 | 12 | 151 |
| | <u>Wim de Jong</u> | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | X | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 13 | 1 | 10 | 2 | 12 | 148 |
| 11 | <u>Jan Edink</u> | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | X | 1 | 0 | 2 | 13 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 143 |
| | <u>Freek Gordijn</u> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | X | 1 | 1 | 13 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 11 | 130 |
| 13 | <u>Joop Ansems</u> | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | X | 0 | 13 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 10 | 128 |
| 14 |  <u>Wouter van Beek</u> | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | X | 13 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 91 |

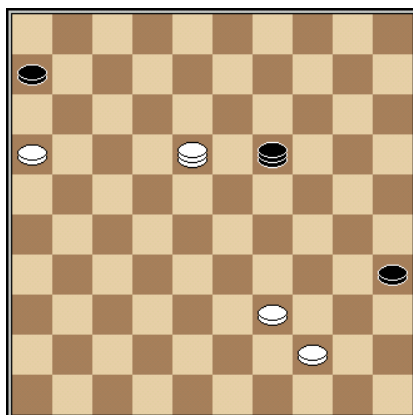
Back to the youth championship of Holland. Bert Holt was the favorite, but analyzing the classification highlighted Cees Pippel's game, which was really good against stronger players, but bad against the worst players. I reached the first place as well as Henk Kemperman who had defeated me; consequently, a tiebreaker match was needed in order to know who the youth champion of 1963 would be.



Henk Kemperman, Drs. Piet Roozenburg and Govert Westerveld
Photo: Courtesy of Ed Holstvoogd

Henk Kemperman - Govert Westerveld 2-0 19-04-1963
Dutch Youth Championship, 1963

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| 17.30-25 | 14-19 | 18.25x14 | 19x10 | 19.35-30 | 10-14 | 20.40-35 | 13-19 |
| 21.46-41 | 8-13 | 22.41-37 | 2- 8 | 23.33-28 | 15-20 | 24.36-31 | 20-24 |
| 25.31-27 | 11-17 | 26.47-41 | 6-11 | 27.41-36 | 1- 6 | 28.39-33 | 4-10 |
| 29.44-39 | 10-15 | 30.37-31 | 14-20 | 31.30-25 | 17-21 | 32.25x14 | 9x20 |
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| 37.28x19 | 13x24 | 38.42-37 | 30-35 | 39.32-28 | 25-30 | 40.39-34 | 30x39 |
| 41.33x44 | 15-20 | 42.45-40 | 20-25 | 43.40-34 | 8-12 | 44.38-33 | 3-8 |
| 45.34-29 | 8-13 | 46.29x20 | 25x14 | 47.37-31 | 13-19 | 48.33-29 | 12-17 |
| 49.31-26 | 14-20 | 50.26-21 | 17x26 | 51.28-22 | 19-23 | 52.22x13 | 23x34 |
| 53.43-39 | 34x43 | 54.48x39 | 16-21 | 55.27x16 | 26-31 | 56.13- 9 | 31-36 |
| 57. 9- 3 | 36-41 | 58. 3x25 | 41-46 | 59.25-34 | 46-19 | 60.34-18 | 19-30 |
| 61.18-27 | 30x21 | 62.16x27 | 6-11 | 63.27-22 | 11-16 | 64.22-17 | 2-0 |



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The expected match of three games between Hans Kemperman and me was held beginning June in one of the beautiful rooms of the Van Nispenhuis located in Stadhouderskade Street of Amsterdam, an ancient church which unfortunately burned to the ground on February 1 1977. The first game I won was by a combination and the second one was a victory because my opponent forced the situation - he tried to defeat me for so long that when this was no longer a possibility, he was not going to settle on a draw, so he ended up making a mistake and lost the match. Very disappointed with the result Kemperman did not want to play his last game of the match. According to the International Grandmaster Reinier Keller I was the best fighter through tense situations in the matches.

But I knew this would only be for a short time, as a phenomenon much better than me was preparing himself with the help of the International Grandmaster, Reinier Cees Keller. He was, as we have seen before, Tonny Sijbrands.



**Van Nispenhuis between 1878-1890, formerly St. Hubertuskapel
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CHAPTER 8

The young Tonny Sijbrands in 1963.

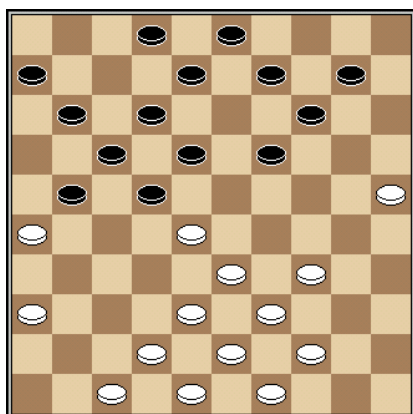
In the summer of this year Tonny Sijbrands participated in a youth tournament organized by the Gezellig Samen zijn checkers club in the Marcanti building in Amsterdam. This time Sijbrands was in good shape and won the tournament. In this championship participated very good players such as Fred Ivens from The Hague and Anton Schotanus from Leeuwarden.

Youth Tournament in Amsterdam, 1963

| N° | Names | S | I | W | S | B | G | R | K | Points |
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| 01 | Tonny Sijbrands | X | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 12 |
| 02 | Fred Ivens | 1 | X | | | | | | | 10 |
| 03 | Henk van Westerloo | 0 | | X | | | | | | 10 |
| 04 | Anton Schotanus | 0 | | | X | | | | | 10 |
| 05 | Arie Bos | 0 | | | | X | | | | 6 |
| 06 | Jan Groenveld | 1 | | | | | X | | | 5 |
| 07 | D. Roelofs | 0 | | | | | | X | | 2 |
| 08 | G.A.R. Klooster | 0 | | | | | | | X | 1 |

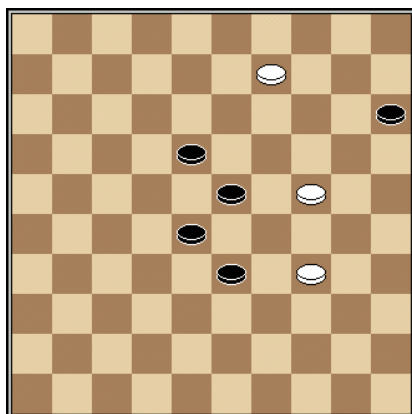
Tonny Sijbrands - Henk van Westerloo 2-0 01-05-1963
 Youth Tournament in Amsterdam, 1963

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| 5.33-29 | 8-13 | 6.40-35 | 2- 8 | 7.29-24 | 11-16 | 8.38-33 | 27-32 |
| 9.47-41 | 6-11 | 10.42-38 | 32-37 | 11.41x32 | 22-28 | 12.32x23 | 18x20 |
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Tonny Sijbrands - Fred Ivens 1-1 02-06-1963
 Youth Tournament in Amsterdam, 1963

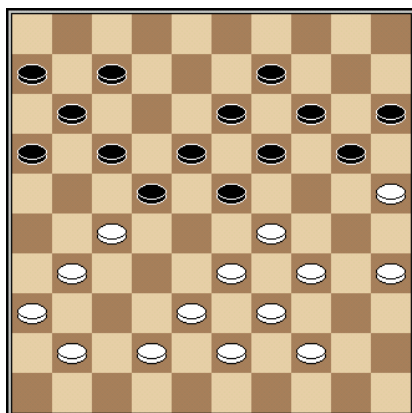
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Tonny Sijbrands - Anton Schotanus 2-0 01-06-1963

Youth Tournament in Amsterdam, 1963

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| 5.34-30 | 25x34 | 6.39x30 | 10-14 | 7.30-25 | 19x30 | 8.25x34 | 12-18 |
| 9.44-39 | 7-12 | 10.32-28 | 23x32 | 11.37x28 | 5-10 | 12.50-44 | 1-7 |
| 13.41-37 | 14-19 | 14.37-32 | 10-14 | 15.46-41 | 17-22 | 16.28x17 | 11x22 |
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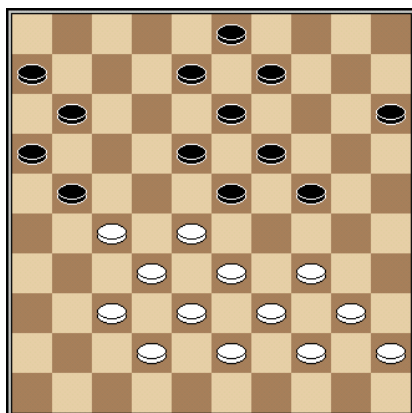


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| 45.43-38 | 6-11 | 46.10-5 | 11-16 | 47.37-31 | 27-32 | 48.38x27 | 21x32 |
| 49.39-33 | 28x30 | 50.5x37 | | | | | |

Tonny Sijbrands - Jan Groeneveld 1-1 03-06-1963

Youth Tournament in Amsterdam, 1963

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| 1.34-30 20-25 | 2.30-24 19x30 | 3.35x24 18-23 | 4.40-34 14-19 |
| 5.34-30 25x34 | 6.39x30 12-18 | 7.45-40 7-12 | 8.30-25 19x30 |
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| 33.39-34 18-23 | 34.34-29 23x34 | 35.44-40 24-29 | 36.33x24 19x30 | |
| 37.40x29 16-21 | 38.27x 7 8-12 | 39. 7x18 13x24 | 40.38-33 30-34 | |

As my friend and coach Ed Holstvoogd was in Yalta, I got the first place in the Zaandam Checkers team on 10 and 17 September 1963. Sensational was September 17 when Ed Holstvoogd was still in Yalta.



Andris Andreiko against Ed Holstvoogd
Courtesy of Ed Holstvoogd

Then our club had to play against the Gezellig Samenzijn checkers club, and in this club Tonny Sijbrands was already ranked 4th. That night we won against this famous and strong club. I was more than happy with my tie against Willem Rustenburg, a player who finished in fourth in the world championship in 1928. The results were:

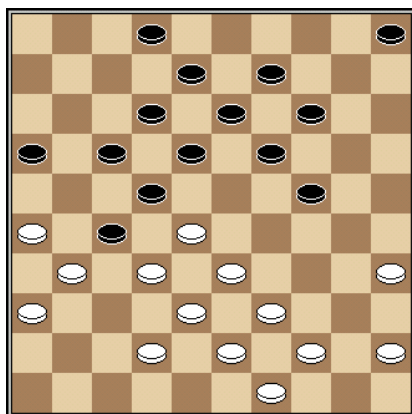
| Board | Zaandam | Gezellig Samen zijn | Result |
|--------------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| 01 | Govert Westerveld | Willem Rustenburg | 1-1 |
| 02 | Piet van der Horst | Herman van Westerloo | 2-0 |
| 03 | J. de Bree | Philip de Schaap | 0-2 |
| 04 | Joop Koppies | Tonny Sijbrands | 1-1 |
| 05 | Cor Westerveld Sr | Rob Jansen | 1-1 |
| 06 | Bos | De Ruiter | 2-0 |
| 07 | Rintjema | Rudi Palmer | 0-2 |
| 08 | Piet van Heeringen | De Wit | 2-0 |
| 09 | Van de Made | Van Hout | 1-1 |
| 10 | P. Blees | Bakker | 1-1 |
| | | Total | 11-9 |

Nor did young Sijbrands do badly in his club Gezellig Samen zijn, where he had the opportunity to play against the best players in Holland and here I am talking about J.H. Beeke. This player was champion of the province North-Holland in 1961, earned the 4th place in the Dutch Championship in 1962, and the 5th place in the same championship in 1963. Considering this young Sijbrands' victory against this player for the Gezellig Samen zijn Checkers Club Championship was sensational.

Tonny Sijbrands - J.H. Beeke 2-0 00-00-1963

Checkers Club Championship "Gezellig Samen zijn"

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| 1.34-29 | 17-22 | 2.40-34 | 11-17 | 3.45-40 | 6-11 | 4.50-45 | 1- 6 |
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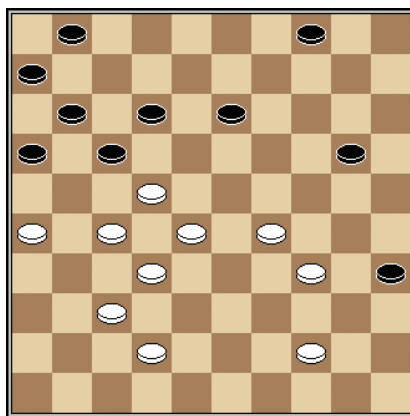


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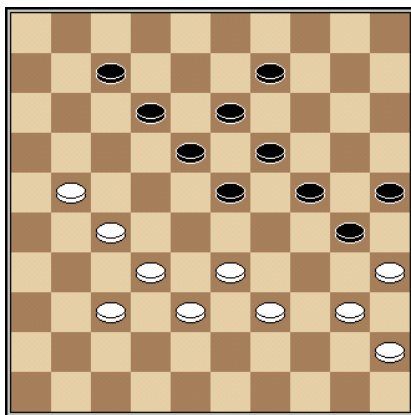


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This year Tonny Sijbrands was Amsterdam's champion again. The funny thing is that both he and Rudi Palmer won their 10 games and then the last game between them had to confirm who was the best player of the town. Sijbrands won the last game against Palmer and, earned the title of Amsterdam Champion. An extraordinary outcome, but Palmer's result also stood out.

| N° | Players | Games | Points |
|-----------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 01 | Tonny Sijbrands | 11 | 22 |
| 02 | Rudi Palmer | 11 | 20 |
| 03 | Dick Roelofs | 11 | 16 |
| 04 | Arthur Schuss | 11 | 14 |
| 05 | J. Kreft | 11 | 12 |
| 06 | E. Poelman | 11 | 10 |
| 07 | Ton Wessel | 11 | 9 |
| 08 | C. van Westerloo | 11 | 8 |
| 09 | N. Mulders | 11 | 8 |
| 10 | Jan Bakels | 11 | 7 |
| 11 | S. Daamen | 11 | 4 |
| 12 | J. Scott | 11 | 2 |

From this date we have one of Sijbrands' positions where he won a game against Rudi Palmer. It may be this game, but Het Damspel¹⁴ says Tonny was not yet 13 years old and in that case it should be 1962. Therefore the date is not certain.



Tonny Sijbrands - Rudi Palmer 2-0 01-10-1963?
 Amsterdam
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At the end of the month of December of this year Harm Wiersma of only 10 years had beaten Auke Steensma, one of the Frisian delegates of the National Championship in 1964, during a Checkers' Day in Heerenveen. Many a player in the Netherlands was very impressed with this incredible result of such a young player.

¹⁴ Het Damspel Magazine issue 12, December 1963 pp. 115-116

CHAPTER 9

The Match between Baba Sy and Iser Kuperman

Between May and October 1963 the World Draughts Federation sent many letters to the Soviet Union to try to fix the match between Baba Sy and Iser Kuperman, but the letters were never answered. Then a telegraphic ultimatum was answered a week too late and then the Russians demanded that Baba Sy travel to Moscow in nine days. Logically, this period of time was very short because of the formalities needed to travel to Moscow. Nor did the Russians respond to the Senegalese people, since the Senegalese delegation wanted to travel to Russia with three people: Baba Sy, Dieme the referee, and Diob the coach. This was a matter of prestige of this new state and even Senegal's new president made enough credit available to Baba Sy and his companions to travel to Russia. Apparently the match would be held¹⁵ after II Brinta Tournament in January 1964. The Russian Federation of Checkers through secretary Koslow said that the trouble was not in Senegal. This case will never be known for sure, but it appears that the Russians put many obstacles to celebrating this match. Baba Sy was in very good form and had already won once against Iser Kuperman. If Russia lost to Senegal, it would have been a disaster for its international prestige.

In 1972 Baba Sy spoke diplomatically about this match¹⁶:

Senegal asked Russia and the World Federation of Checkers for the date of the match. There was no reply. I was informed two or three weeks before the date planned by Russia, but it was too late to prepare everything. Thus the match would be held after the second Brinta tournament, but then Russia informed that this date was not suitable for Kuperman. Senegal then asked to play the match in Holland, but Russia refused. Anyway, some justice was left. This was discussed during the meeting of the World Draughts Federation in 1964. At that meeting both Senegal

¹⁵ Nieuwe Leidsche Courant, November 18 1963

¹⁶ FOKKING, Henk (1972) Persvereniging van damredacteurs

and Canada proposed a rematch of three players: the world champion Shchegolev, Kuperman, and myself. In the beginning such a match would be played in the Netherlands, but this seemed impossible. Finally it was decided that the match would be played in Russia, which the Senegalese Federation of Checkers refused due to financial problems.

Seeing that Baba Sy won tournament after tournament the Russians had little interest in playing a match and it appears that the Russian authorities wanted to prevent Iser Kuperman from playing against Baba Sy. Finally in 1964-1965 Baba Sy didn't like the idea of traveling to Russia either and did what I think was the most suitable thing to do on such occasion.

In Soviet times certain decisions regarding participation in events that might have an impact on politics were not always made by athletes, but imposed by the authorities or the federation. Similar situations occurred in chess in Bobby Fischer times, even within a competition. For example, in the XVII Chess Olympiad in Havana in 1966 a conflict in the match between the USSR and the United States arose. On the day of the meeting Fischer could not play within the established schedule for religious reasons and the Americans called for rescheduling the meeting, but the Soviets refused, stating that the Americans should use one of the two alternates. In this situation the Americans did not attend the meeting and lost 4 games by not filing. (Very smart move, since an outcome of 4 x 0 was likely if they played without Fischer anyway, and thus the Americans took political advantage of this conflict). The situation had such significance that the Russians finally quit the result and at the time of rest penultimate round it was agreed to make the match happen. But that day the Soviets played without Petrosian, who was the world champion and the first board of the USSR, and the big meeting at the summit of possible obvious political significance was minimized because the Russians ran boards and Fischer played against Spassky. One cannot think that this decision was a result of Petrosian wishing not to face Fischer. This was probably a government decision, because although Fischer was still far from being the outstanding player who would win

overwhelmingly 10 years later against Taimanov, Petrosian, and Spassky among others to become the world champion, it is no less true that Fischer's possible victory against Petrosian in 1966 far transcended the 64 squares of the board, while otherwise it would not be more than the natural result between a world champion and a talented chess player.

The General Assembly of the World Federation of checkers in Dakar in 1984 once again drew attention to the match for the world title never played between Iser Kuperman and Baba Sy. For reasons we will never understand Russia would not give him a visa and thus Baba Sy could not play against Iser Kuperman. The General Assembly of Groningen in 1986 finally closed the chapter on this legendary Senegalese, attributing the world title posthumously.

The Russian Federation of Checkers, whose voice obviously weighs very heavily in the meetings of WFDY, reached a commitment proposed by the Senegalese delegation. It was decided that still in the annals of WFC Baba Sy would be listed as world champion for the period 1963-1964, but alongside with Kuperman, so that he was not considered the loser of the match on paper. I think this decision is not entirely fair, since when Sijbrands did not defend his world title in 1975, Kuperman was automatically proclaimed as the new world champion of checkers. We all know that Baba Sy wanted to play against Kuperman for the world title in 1963-1964. If the Russian officials, who decided everything back then, did not want the match to be played, this was obviously not Baba Sy's fault. The WFC should have had the courage to proclaim Baba Sy the new world champion. But from what I see, in those years the WFC had two systems to measure. If the Russian officials did not want their players to participate in a tournament, then they should have automatically lost their titles. Was Jannes van der Wal also not the new world champion without the Russians? At that time the tournament was not stopped due to the Russians not being able to come either.

Between October 3 and 23 1963 the Soviet Union Championship took place. Andreiko and Shchegolev got to first place with 26 points and a six game match was needed to determine who the strongest player in Russia was. Shchegolev won with 9-3.

CHAPTER 10

1963 Baba Sy in the second Brinta Tournament

As a Dutch junior champion I was invited to participate in the Brinta Youth Tournament 1963/1964 and so I became aware of the famous Baba Sy. Baba Sy also won the second Brinta tournament in 1963/64, which was sponsored by the Royal Factory W.A. Scholten de Foxhol.



The factory W.A. Scholten from Foxhol and all of its staff, 1960

This factory had a popular breakfast called Brinta, an acronym for "**B**reakfast **i**nstant **t**arwe". We see that the first two letters of each word form Brinta. The Royal Factory W.A. Scholten unfortunately collapsed in 1976 and was then bought by Avebe, and 'Brinta' was acquired by the ONG signing from the Koog aan de Zaan village. This company dealt with the sales while production was Avebe's responsibility. Eventually Brinta was acquired by manufacturer H.J.

Heinz who manufactures it till today in Nijmegen. Now we see this tournament ranking, in which the Frenchman Henri Bajolle from Marseilles did not participate due to illness and whose place was taken by the Belgian Maurice Verleene¹⁷.

Maybe Baba Sy would soon be able to travel to play for the world championship title against Kuperman. Over time Baba Sy noticed the world and understood the nations and people. He liked being in Holland as he had made many friends there. He did not like going to Russia, because he did not make friends there. Nor did he like the fact that money earned there also had to be spent in Russia. And what can you buy there? Not the silver chain he had, nor the silver tube to keep his cigarettes in. Almost none of the luxurious stuff he saw in Holland. Baba Sy did not like Russia. Henk Fokkink¹⁸ in an interview with him learned that Yalta Tournament in 1961 would be his last as Baba Sy lacked the money to go there more often.

It is advisable now to look at this youth group in the Third Brinta Tournament in 1963/64 hosted in Dr. Bosschool school in Sappemeer and sponsored by the KSH Group with the complicity of the municipality of the town. The organizer Siep Mensonides had also thought this time of a youth group. But this group had notable players. According to the local newspapers the 14 years old Swiss prodigy Andreas Kuijken from Basel and the 16 years old Dutch junior champion Govert Westerveld, 13 years old Amsterdam prodigy Tonny Sijbrands; and an unknown player only 10 years young Harm Wiersma¹⁹ participated. It was the breakthrough of the youth in the International Draughts world.

Thus I played in the youth group alongside Tonny Sijbrands and Harm Wiersma. The young Harm Wiersma of only 10 years won against me

¹⁷ Nieuwe Leidsche Courant, December 28 1963

¹⁸ FOKKING, Henk (1972) Persvereniging van damredacteurs

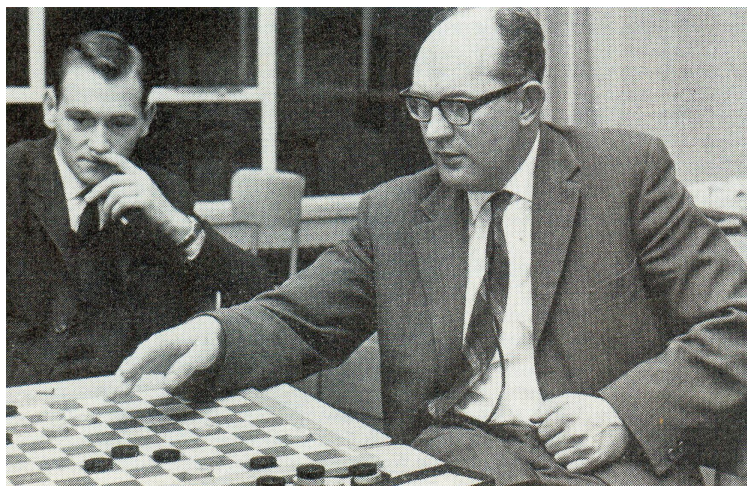
¹⁹ WIERSMA, Harm (1997) Article in "De Telegraaf" newspaper - Holland, November 1 1997, Weekeinde, p. 18

in the first round, which meant a revolution in the checkers world. I lost to Tonny Sijbrands too.



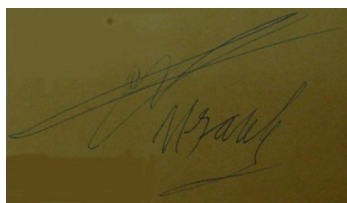
Dr. D. Bosschool - Hoogezand-Sappemeer
Foto: Govert Westerveld

When at one point Piet Bergsma came jovial and joking to play a quick game with Sijbrands, around them a lot of youngsters were accumulated so they would not miss any part of the game between the two. I said mockingly to Bergsma that it was better not to play any game against Sijbrands as he would lose them all. He must have felt very comfortable with my rebellious words, since he immediately told me it was better not to talk much and that I should first try to improve my Dutch, since the large article written by me in the *Het Damspel* magazine in 1963 about the youth championship in Holland was full of mistakes. Bergsma was a professor of the institute then and had the authority to say that. Indeed, Sijbrands was a true expert in quick games and thought much faster and farther than professor Bergsma. In honor of this teacher hereafter a photo of him.



Professor Pieter Bergsma (with glasses) and Anton Schotanus. Photo: De dubbele driehoek²⁰.

Harm Wiersma kept a book of this tournament program filled with the autographs of all the members of the first group, but there was a signature missing - Baba Sy's²¹. In this case I had more luck, as I could get a autograph from the famous Baba Sy and his colleague Abdoul Kouaté.



The signature at the top is Baba Sy's and the one below is Abdoul Mansour Kouaté's

²⁰ De dubbele driehoek, Magazine of W.A. Schoten, Foxhol N.V., año 15, enero 1964, N° 181. Pág. 16.

²¹ Leeuwarder Courant, January 9 1964



**In the photo²² we see Baba Sy, Harm Wiersma, Sieb Mensionides, Tonny Sijbrands, December 30, 1963
Photo: Courtesy of Dr. Diego Rodriguez – France**

Second Brinta Tournament, Youth Group, 1963/1964

| Age | Name | S | W | H | K | W | We | K | B | D | K | Total |
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| 14 | T. Sijbrands | X | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 16 |
| 10 | H. Wiersma | 1 | X | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 12 |
| 18 | B. Holt | 1 | 0 | X | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 12 |
| 15 | A. Kuyken | 0 | 1 | 1 | X | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 11 |
| 17 | H. de Witt | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | X | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| 16 | G. Westerveld | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | X | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| 14 | H. Kolk | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | X | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| 17 | E. Braams | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | X | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| 15 | B. Dekens | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | X | 1 | 6 |
| 14 | N. Kerstholt | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | X | 3 |

²² With thanks to Dr. Diego Rodríguez from France



Harry Kolk, Sieb Mensionides and Andreas Kuijken

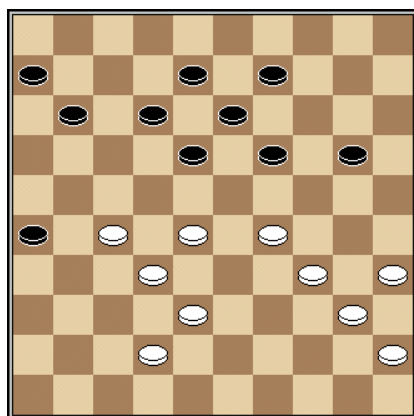


**Harm Wiersma against Benny Dekens
Brinta Tournament, 1963/1964**

Govert Westerveld - Harm Wiersma 0-2 27-12-1963

The Brinta Tournament, youth group.

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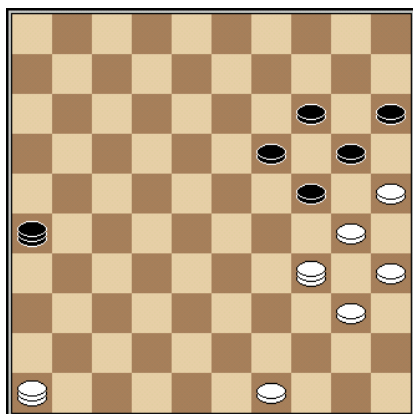
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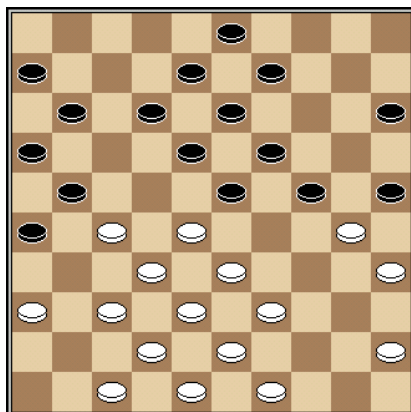


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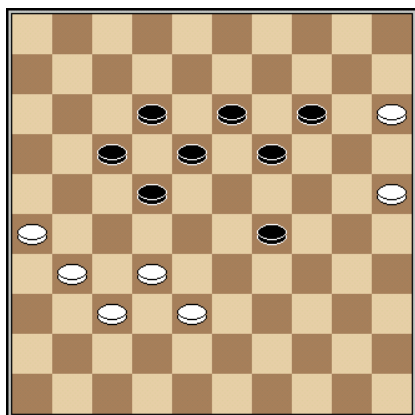
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 The Brinta Tournament, youth group

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A good year after that period followed for Sijbrands through his win on the Russian Shchegolev in the III Brinta tournament of 1965. Sijbrands would belong to the best in the world and would slowly surpass his idol Baba Sy. His first place in the provincial championship of North Holland in 1965 to qualify for the national championship made this abundantly clear. He stood there at a lonely height and was a class apart. Suddenly players such as Wim de Jong and Ed Holstvoogd, who finished in 1962 still in the first and second places in the championship of the Netherlands, had little importance.

Tournament of the province North-Holland, 1965

| N° | Jugadores | S | B | W | H | G | J | L | H | T | D | V | J | B | B | Pt | S.B. |
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| 01 | T. Sijbrands | X | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 24 | |
| 02 | Jan de Boer | 1 | X | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 18 | |
| 03 | G.Westerveld | 0 | 1 | X | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 179 |
| 04 | Ed Holstvoogd | 0 | 2 | 1 | X | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 15 | 169 |
| 05 | A.Grooteman | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | X | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 13 | 158 |
| 06 | W.de Jong | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | X | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 146 |
| 07 | Henk Laros | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | X | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 145 |
| 08 | Nico van Hal | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | X | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 12 | 144 |
| 09 | Theo Tielrooy | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | X | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 135 |
| 10 | A.den Doop | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | X | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 117 |
| 11 | Joop Verhey | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | X | 1 | 2 | 0 | 11 | 128 |
| 12 | M.Jonkhart | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | X | 1 | 1 | 10 | |
| 13 | W.C.Beeke | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | X | 2 | 9 | |
| 14 | H.Beliën | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | X | 6 | |

Regarding Harm Wiersma, he at only 15 years of age would finish in the third place of the Dutch championship in 1967. Andreas Kuijken, on the other hand, would already in 1965 belong to the European top. His gain on Shchegolev and his 5th place in the championship was a splendid result.

In the sixties before and after the tournaments in Holland and Russia Baba Sy was often at Miguel Hisard's house for about 15 days and at other times at Dr. Rodríguez's. In those years both Dr. Rodriguez and Michel Hisard were students. According to Dr. Rodriguez Baba, Sy was a very smart man and smooth in his manners. When he arrived in France, he could neither read nor write, and Dr. Rodriguez had seen with his own eyes in Hisard's house that Baba Sy studied the book of Pita, which was a book for kids for learning to write the alphabet. He also placed himself in front of the television to watch the games and made every effort to improve his French.

I also have another story about Baba Sy that my brother Cor Westerveld sent me. There was a lady who today lives in Enkhuizen, but lived in Hoogezand-Sappemeer before. As it was logical, in those years Baba Sy was the idol of the ladies who followed the tournament with great interest, just like half the population. This lady and her friends were in love with Baba Sy and followed him closely. They discovered that Baba Sy was also aware of them, since the newspaper that Baba Sy used to read (topsy turvy) - and he could not read then - had a hole.

Both Baba Sy and Kouaté, in contrast to the other players, did not know how to record their moves. I kept a picture with Baba Sy from those years in which the two play a game of checkers.

Hereafter we will see Baba Sy's games played in the first part of the II Brinta Tournament in Hoogezand-Sappemeer in late December 1963. He was watching his moves more than once! His first game was against Lex Mulder, a geology student who even did geological work for 4 years in the Cantabrian Mountains of Spain, and therefore speaks Castilian as Lex let me know. He left Holland in 1965 to settle in Suriname for 3 years. He then spent 11 years in Zambia and 6 months in Zaire. After that Lex (Charles) stayed in Holland for three years to definitely emigrate to Darwin Australia in 1982. The world is small for Dutch checkers players.



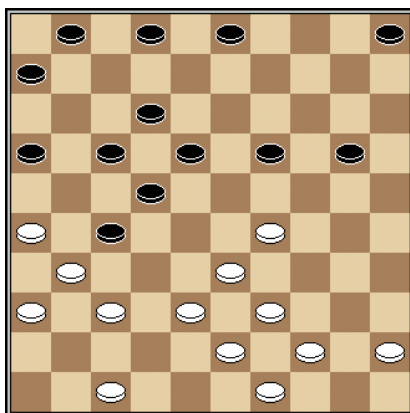
Mayor G. Boekhoven effected the first move in Baba Sy against Charles Mulder game on December 27 1963. Photo: De Dubbele driehoek²³

²³ De dubbele driehoek, Magazine of W.A. Schoten, Foxhol N.V., año 15, enero 1964, N° 181. Pág. 13.

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II Brinta Tournament

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| 1.32-28 | 16-21 | 2.33-29 | 20-25 | 3.31-26 | 18-22 | 4.39-33 | 13-18 |
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| 9.35-30 | 10-15 | 10.42-37 | 9-13 | 11.32-28 | 23x32 | 12.37x28 | 21-27 |
| 13.48-42 | 20-24 | 14.30x19 | 13x24 | 15.29x20 | 25x14 | 16.28-23 | 18x29 |
| 17.34x23 | 4-10 | 18.41-37 | 14-19 | 19.23x14 | 10x19 | 20.37-31 | 19-23 |
| 21.33-29 | 23x34 | 22.40x29 | 12-18 | 23.46-41 | 8-13 | 24.41-37 | 7-12 |
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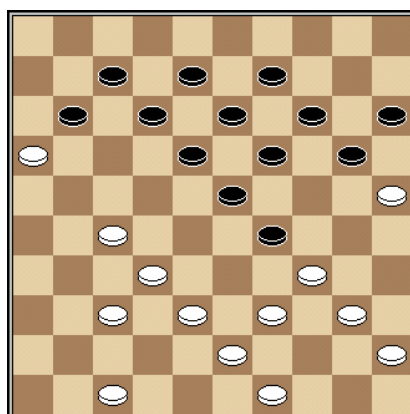


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| 37.32-27 | 16-21 | 38.27x16 | 14-19 | 35.34-29 | 2- 8 | 36.29x20 | 25x14 |
| 41.45-40 | 20-25 | 42.40-35 | 19-24 | 39.49-43 | 9-14 | 40.40-34 | 14-20 |
| 45.28-22 | 18x27 | 46.31x22 | | 43.43-38 | 17-21 | 44.26x17 | 22x11 |

Geert van Dijk - Abdoul Mansour Kouate 1-1 27-12-1963

II Brinta Tournament

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| 9.28x17 | 11x22 | 10.31-26 | 22x31 | 11.36x27 | 7-11 | 12.46-41 | 12-17 |
| 13.41-36 | 8-12 | 14.37-31 | 24-29 | 15.33x24 | 20x29 | 16.50-44 | 14-20 |
| 17.25x14 | 19x10 | 18.27-21 | 16x27 | 19.32x21 | 10-14 | 20.42-37 | 5-10 |
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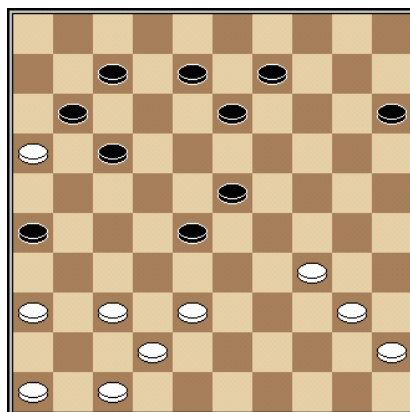


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II Brinta Tournament

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| 9.33-28 | 9-14 | 10.28x19 | 14x23 | 11.38-33 | 10-14 | 12.40-34 | 5-10 |
| 13.45-40 | 7-11 | 14.50-45 | 1- 7 | 15.42-38 | 15-20 | 16.34-29 | 23x34 |
| 17.40x29 | 20-25 | 18.27-21 | 16x27 | 19.32x21 | 14-19 | 20.21-16 | 10-14 |
| 21.37-32 | 19-23 | 22.39-34 | 17-22 | 23.41-37 | 13-19 | 24.34-30 | 25x34 |
| 25.29x40 | 8-13 | 26.33-29 | 23x34 | 27.40x29 | 11-17 | 28.48-42 | 3- 9 |
| 29.49-44 | 4-10 | 30.44-40 | 6-11 | 31.43-39 | 2- 8 | 32.39-34 | 22-28 |
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| 45.40-35 | 8-12 | 46.41-36 | 9-14 | 47.34-30 | 13-19 | 48.45-40 | 12-18 |
| 49.40-34 | 11-17 | 50.30-25 | 18-22 | 51.32-27 | 24-29 | 52.27x18 | 29x40 |
| 53.35x44 | 23x12 | 54.44-39 | 17-22 | 55.37-32 | 26x37 | 56.32x41 | 19-24 |
| 57.38-33 | 14-19 | 58.41-37 | 19-23 | 59.36-31 | 22-27 | 60.31x22 | 28x17 |
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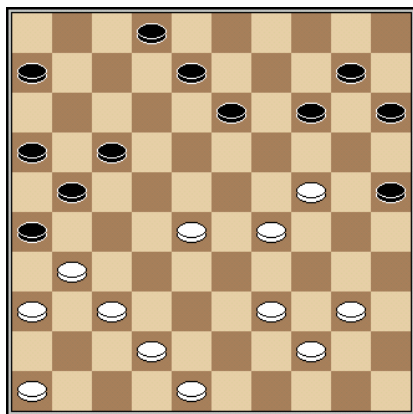
Baba Sy against Abdoul Mansour Kouaté. Next to Baba Sy we see great International Grandmaster Herman de Jong and standing on the right the Grandmaster Reinier Cornelis Keller.
Photo: De Dubbele driehoek²⁴.

²⁴ De dubbele driehoek, Magazine of W.A. Schoten, Foxhol N.V., año 15, enero 1964, N° 181. Pág. 14.

Claude Gournier - Baba Sy 0-2 29-12-1963

II Brinta Tournament

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| 5.37-32 | 20-25 | 6.42-37 | 1- 7 | 7.47-42 | 17-22 | 8.28x17 | 12x21 |
| 9.33-28 | 7-12 | 10.39-33 | 19-23 | 11.28x19 | 14x34 | 12.40x29 | 21-26 |
| 13.44-39 | 10-14 | 14.50-44 | 5-10 | 15.33-28 | 14-19 | 16.39-33 | 9-14 |
| 17.44-40 | 14-20 | 18.29-24 | 19x30 | 19.35x24 | 20x29 | 20.33x24 | 18-22 |
| 21.28x17 | 12x21 | 22.32-28 | 10-14 | 23.38-33 | 3- 9 | 24.49-44 | 4-10 |
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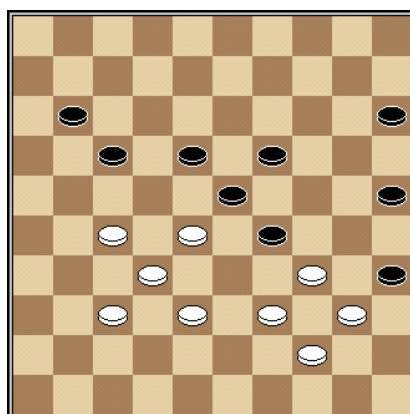
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A. Slaby - Abdoul Mansour Kouate 0-2 29-12-1963

II Brinta Tournament

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| 21.46-41 | 24-30 | 22.35x24 | 19x30 | 23.28x19 | 13x24 | 24.41-37 | 10-14 |
| 25.37-31 | 8-12 | 26.27-22 | 18x27 | 27.31x22 | 12-17 | 28.22x11 | 16x 7 |
| 29.42-37 | 3- 8 | 30.47-41 | 8-13 | 31.32-27 | 21x32 | 32.37x28 | 14-19 |
| 33.41-37 | 2- 8 | 34.37-32 | 30-35 | 35.40-34 | 13-18 | 36.50-44 | 8-13 |
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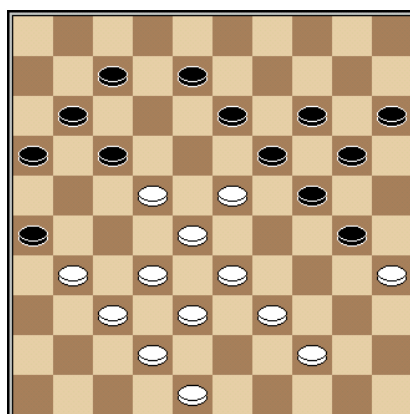


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Baba Sy - Maurice Verleene 2-0 30-12-1963

II Brinta Tournament

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| 21.44-39 | 24-30 | 22.35x24 | 19x30 | 23.32-28 | 5-10 | 24.37-32 | 30-35 |
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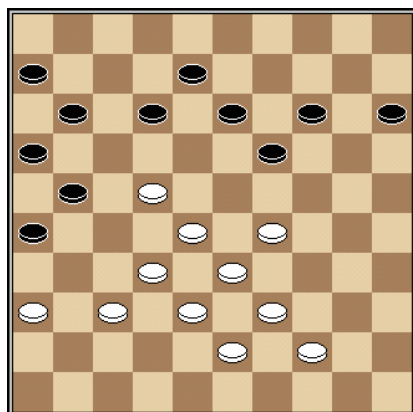


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Jan Dallinga - Baba Sy 1-1 30-12-1963

II Brinta Tournament

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| 9.37-32 | 10-14 | 10.46-41 | 12-18 | 11.41-37 | 7-12 | 12.43-38 | 5-10 |
| 13.49-43 | 15-20 | 14.47-41 | 17-21 | 15.27-22 | 18x27 | 16.31x22 | 21-26 |
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| 21.50-44 | 24-29 | 22.33x24 | 20x29 | 23.34x23 | 25-30 | 24.35x24 | 13-18 |
| 25.22x13 | 9x20 | 26.43-39 | 4- 9 | 27.38-33 | 2- 8 | 28.40-34 | 8-13 |
| 29.45-40 | 17-21 | 30.41-36 | 14-19 | 31.42-38 | 20-25 | 32.48-43 | 9-14 |
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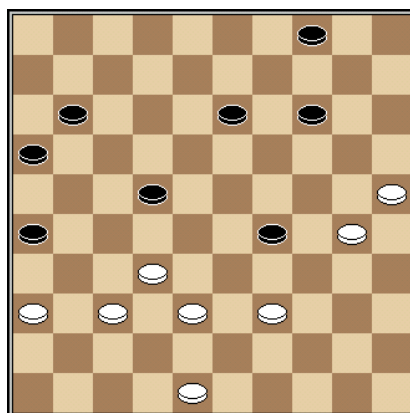
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Abdoul Mansour Kouate - Wim de Jong 1-1 30-12-1963

II Brinta Tournament

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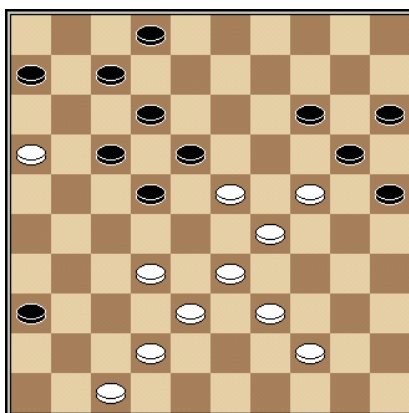
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Abdoul Mansour Kouate - C. Mulder

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II Brinta Tournament

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| 1.33-29 | 19-23 | 2.32-28 | 23x32 | 3.37x28 | 17-21 | 4.41-37 | 11-17 |
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| 17.37-32 | 1- 7 | 18.27-21 | 16x27 | 19.32x21 | 26-31 | 20.21-16 | 31-36 |
| 21.50-44 | 4- 9 | 22.40-35 | 13-19 | 23.38-32 | 10-14 | 24.43-39 | 8-13 |
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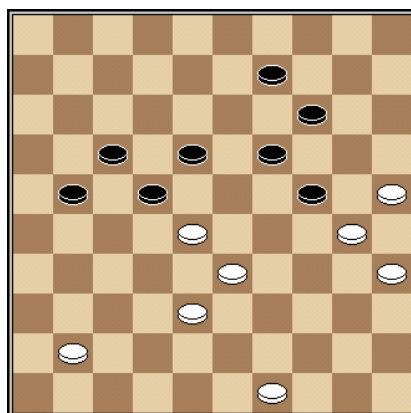


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| 41.23x12 | 17x 8 | 42.38-32 | 14-19 | 43.24x13 | 8x19 | 44.29-23 |
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II Brinta Tournament

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| 5.31-27 | 20-24 | 6.34-30 | 25x34 | 7.40x20 | 15x24 | 8.45-40 | 18-23 |
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| 17.47-41 | 7-12 | 18.41-36 | 6-11 | 19.50-45 | 11-16 | 20.44-40 | 10-15 |
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| 53.10- 4 | 21-26 | 54. 4-15 | 47-36 | 55.35-30 | 36-27 | 56.15-29 | |



Baba Sy talking to the press alongside Maurice Verleene. Photo: De Dubbele driehoek²⁵.

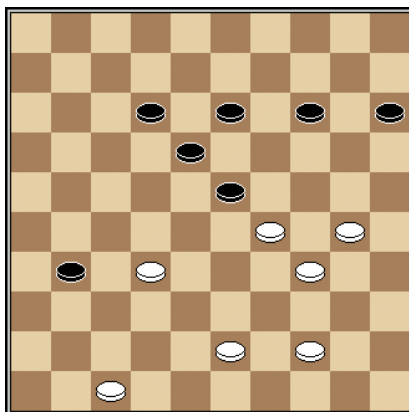


Grandmaster Reinier Cees Keller speaking to the radio. On the right foot and standing we see Pieter Bergsma and J.T. Cazemier. Photo: De Dubbele driehoek²⁶.

²⁵ De dubbele driehoek, Magazine of W.A. Schoten, Foxhol N.V., año 15, enero 1964, N° 181. Pág. 18.

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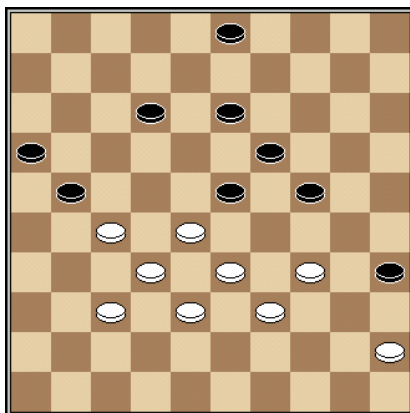
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²⁶ De dubbele driehoek, Magazine of W.A. Schoten, Foxhol N.V., año 15, enero 1964, N° 181. Pág. 13.

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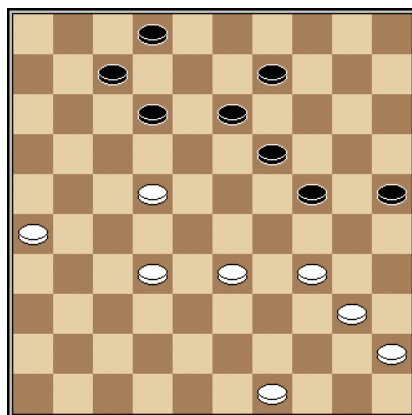
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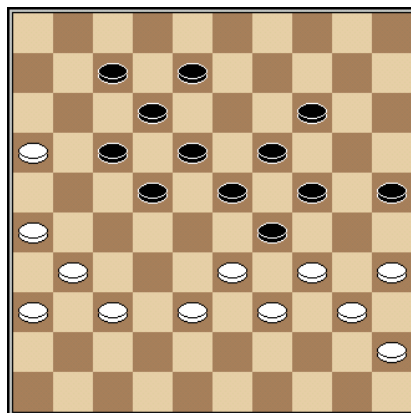


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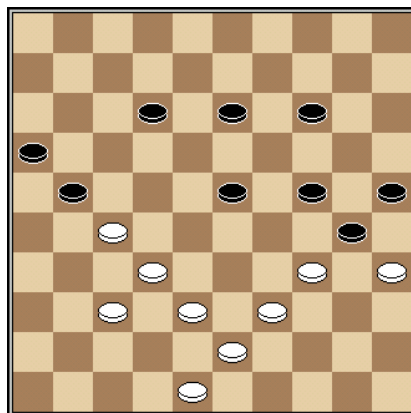
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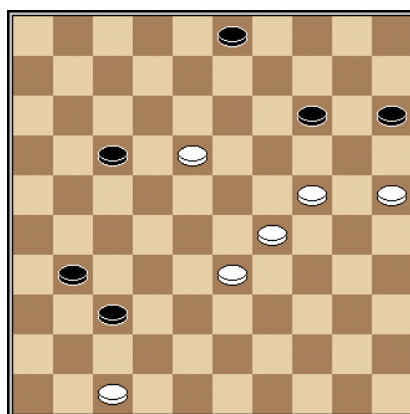
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| 9.40-34 | 10-15 | 10.34-30 | 11-17 | 11.27-22 | 18x27 | 12.31x11 | 16x 7 |
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| 25.30-25 | 4- 9 | 26.44-39 | 15-20 | 27.25x14 | 9x20 | 28.39-33 | 20-25 |
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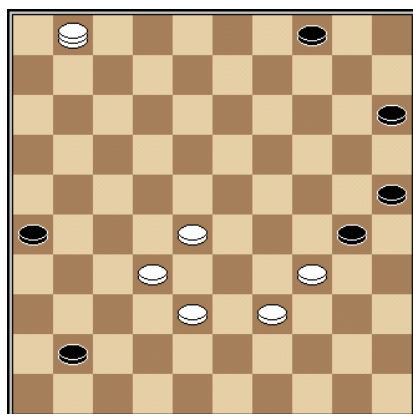
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| 13.42-37 | 16-21 | 14.47-42 | 11-16 | 15.31-27 | 21x32 | 16.37x28 | 7-11 |
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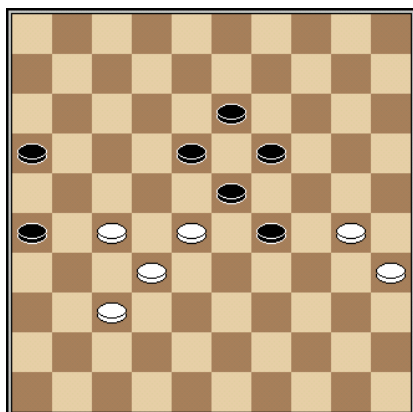
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| 17.35-30 | 14-19 | 18.30-25 | 15-20 | 19.25x14 | 19x10 | 20.44-40 | 9-14 |
| 21.34-30 | 17-21 | 22.39-34 | 11-17 | 23.30-25 | 21-27 | 24.32x21 | 16x27 |
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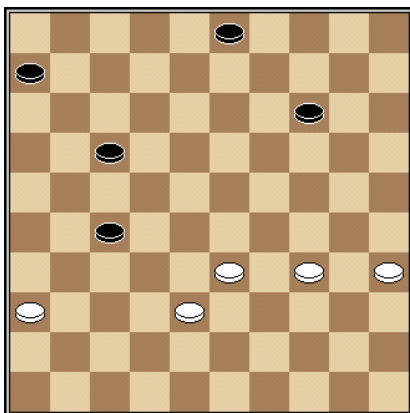


Jan Dallinga against Wim de Jong, on January 3 1964
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Abdoul Mansour Kouaté against Piet Roozenburg on January 3 1964
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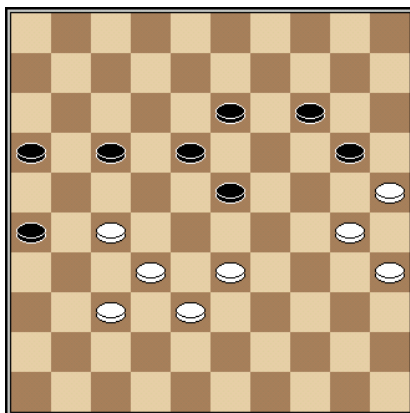


Maurice Verleene (Belgium) against Claude Gournier (France), January 3 1964.
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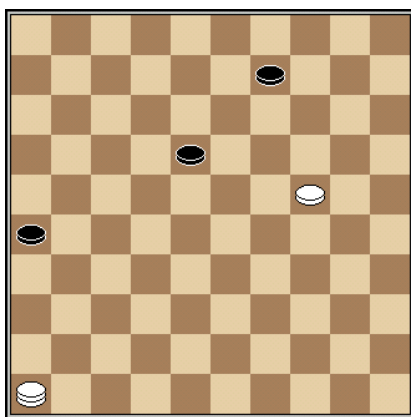
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Baba could have won by:

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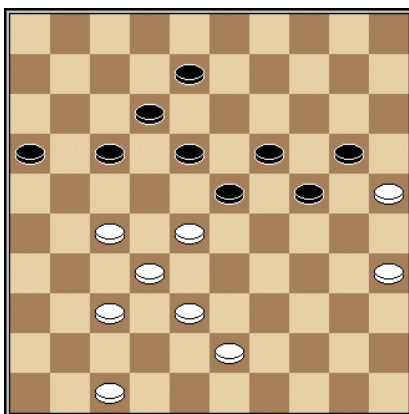
**Messrs. De Goede, Mayor Boekhoven, Wim de Jong playing against Baba Sy.
Photo: Het Damspel 5, 1964**

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**Mr. Ch. H. de Goede of Scholten-concern
congratulates Baba Sy, next to Wim de Jong²⁷**

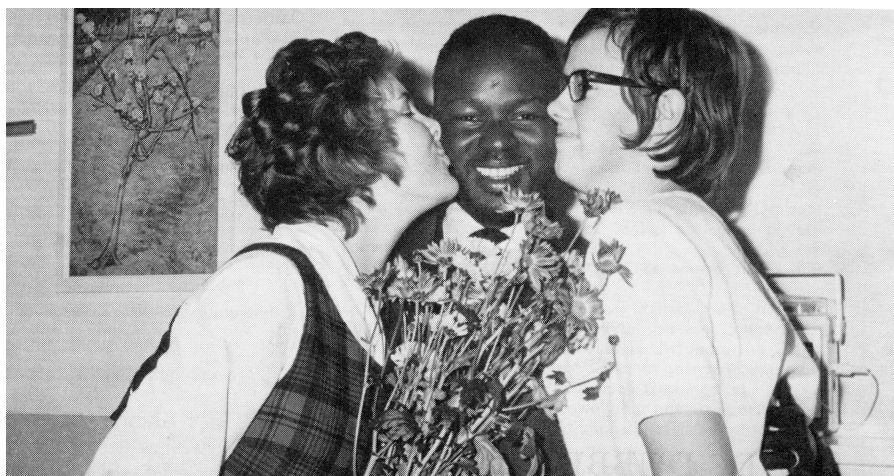


**Mr. De Goede congratulating Piet Roozenburg
Photo: Het Damspel 5, 1964**

²⁷ Anoniem (1982). Wim de Jong, vechter op de honderd velden. Edición de Club de Damas “Het Oosten”, Haarlem. Pág. 18.



Congratulations to Baba Sy from his fans
Photo: Het Damspel 5, 1964



Congratulations to Baba Sy from his fans
Photo: De dubbele driehoek, 181, 1964

But back to Baba Sy. His first place in II Brinta Tournament was quite remarkable since in those years Piet Roozenburg was considered to be among the best players in the world. Roozenburg probably had a mild decline, since his loss against Wim de Jong was unusual.



Baba Sy, Ch. H. de Goede, and Wim de Jong
Photo: From dubbele driehoek, 181, 1964



Baba Sy, Ch. H. de Goede, and Wim de Jong
Photo: From Dr. Diego Rodríguez, 1964

Baba Sy struggled until the end. He could have lost against Bergsma who did not see a winning combination and thus in the penultimate round Baba Sy had 15 points and his opponent Wim de Jong 16 points. Since Baba Sy won against his rival Wim de Jong in the last game, the former could celebrate another championship to his name. Baba Sy was quite lucky, since thanks to clock problems Wim de Jong did not see a safe way to secure a tie.



Harm Wiersma, the 10 years-old wonderchild, receiving his prize
Photo: From dubbele driehoek, 181, 1964



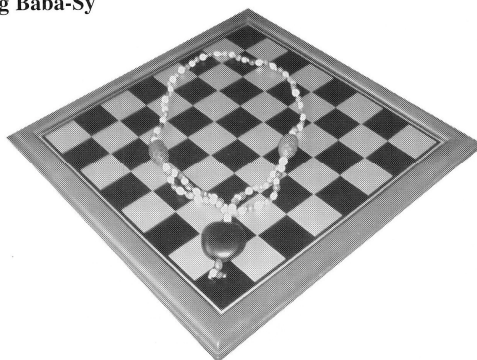
**Referee Reinier Cornelis Keller congratulating Baba Sy
in front of the Boekhoven mayor. Photo: Het Damspel 5, 1964**



**Piet Roozenburg giving words of thanks
Photo: From dubbele driehoek, 181, 1964**

It should be in 1963-1964 that Baba Sy gave a necklace to Mrs. Ems Niekus from Hoogezand when the Senegalese was participating in II Brinta Tournament, which was held at Struvé Hotel. Baba Sy remained at that time in the Faber Hotel and the truth is that Baba Sy, the player in a look got nine plays ahead on the board, felt very comfortable in Hoogezand-Sappemeer, and as a token of appreciation he gave a necklace to more than one person²⁸.

Halsketting Baba-Sy



II Brinta Tournament was held at the Struvé Hotel where Mansour Kouaté and Baba Sy also stayed sometimes. In those years the rooms were not as modern as today and one had to go up to the rooms by a very narrow staircase. It was a very uncomfortable situation for reporters who had to climb these stairs with their bulky heavy equipment in order to report on Baba Sy. The President of the Senegalese Federation of checkers Mr. Dieme also once stayed at the Struvé Hotel and the weather was very bad during these months.

²⁸ Pluustergoud Magazine, 2007, December, p. 15. With thanks to Harry Kolk from Hoogezand-Sappemeer

Weeks later he sent a postcard to the Struvé Hotel with the words²⁹:
“J’ai retrouvé le soleil que j’ai perdu dans votre pays”.



Hotel Struvé in Hoogezand-Sappemeer
Beeldbank Hoogezand, Nummer f00006949
Photograph: Ida F. Mulder

The friendliest player of this tournament was the Belgian Maurice Verleene, who constantly ate raisin bread in the Parkhotel in Sappemeer. The Italian Francisco Laporta told us that because of our age it was time for us to go to bed at 11pm. The fact that this Italian especially appreciated beautiful women was not a secret, but who would get mad about that? The general understanding is that the kitchen staff of the Struvé Hotel would sigh deeply on several occasions when Frenchman Claude Gournier who ate two egg-covered

²⁹ With thanks to Harry Kolk from Hoogezand-Sappemeer

steaks in the morning would be staying there. And what about Frenchman Michel Hisard who enjoyed racing the hotel owner's bike

throughout the fragrant channels? The baille twist king was Valois Smit, a slim young guy from Paramaribo. Pieter Bergsma and the International Grandmaster Reinier Cornelis Keller were the most sought after speakers on the radio.















Hotel Faber in Hoogezand-Sappemeer
Beeldbank Hoogezand, Nummer f00000955
Photo: Conens



Seated, left to right: Mansour Kouaté (SN), Piet Roozenburg (NL), Baba Sy (SN), Wim de Jong (NL), Sieb Mensonides (NL), Aad Ivens (NL), Aaldring (NL). Standing, left to right: Ch. A. Mulder (NL), Geert van Dijk (NL), Pieter Bergsma (NL), Jan Dallinga (NL), A. Steensma (NL), Maurice Verleene (BE), Wouter van Beek (NL), B. Land (NL) Jan van Boven (NL) , Tammo Aeilkema (NL), Nico Kerstholt (NL), C. Gournier (FR), Tonny Sijbrands (NL), Jan Cazemier (CH), Harm Wiersma (NL), J. Maes (BE), P. Coppola (IT), Francesco Laporta (IT), Antoine Slaby (BE), Reinier Cees Keller (NL), Andreas Kuyken (CH), J. Simonata (FR), Ben Dekens (NL), Michel Hisard (FR), Harry Kolk (NL), Henk de Witt (NL), Govert Westerveld (NL), Jan de Kluyver (NL), Bert Holt (NL), Eef Braam (NL).

Second Brinta Tournamente, 1963/1964

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| 1 |  | <u>Baba Sy</u> | X | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 17 | 167 |
| 2 |  | <u>Wim de Jong</u> | 0 | X | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 16 | 149 |
| 3 |  | <u>Geert van Dijk</u> | 1 | 1 | X | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 15 | 143 |
| 4 |  | <u>Piet Roozenburg</u> | 1 | 0 | 1 | X | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 14 | 127 |
| |  | <u>Mansour Kouaté</u> | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | X | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 14 | 134 |
| 6 |  | <u>Pieter Bergsma</u> | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | X | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 13 | 115 |
| 7 |  | <u>Jan Dallinga</u> | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | X | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 98 |
| |  | <u>Michel Hisard</u> | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | X | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 10 | 92 |
| 9 |  | <u>Maurice Verleene</u> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | X | 2 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 66 |
| 10 |  | <u>Claude Gournier</u> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | X | 1 | 2 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 52 |
| |  | <u>Lex Mulder</u> | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | X | 2 | 11 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 59 |
| 12 |  | <u>Antoine Slaby</u> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | X | 11 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 1 | 8 |

In late 1963 or early 1964 the president and secretary of the Senegalese Federation of checkers Dieme and Diob were in Holland for a few days on the way to Russia for Kuperman and Baba Sy's match. They had come to pick up their countrymen, Baba Sy and Mansour Kouaté, but as we know, the trip was unsuccessful as the Russians did not cooperate. Ad Ivens, the secretary of the Dutch Federation of Checkers, took great care of the Senegalese and invited them to witness a football game in The Hague. Logically the four Senegalese were quite cold during the football meeting, as we see in the attached photo.



**From left to right: Dieme, Diob, Ad Ivens,
Baba Sy and Mansour Kouaté. (Photo: Het Damspel 3, 1964)**

Years later in 1975 Ton Sijbrands said nothing about defending his title of world champion of checkers. Now the WDF (World Draughts Federation³⁰) suddenly determined that Iser Kuperman should be automatically proclaimed the world champion without playing. The WDF should have done something similar in 1963, because if Kuperman could not play for whatever reasons, this should have never harmed Baba Sy. The same rules should have been applied and then

³⁰ FMJD (World Draughts Federation) is the international sport body uniting national draughts federations.

Baba Sy could have been world champion without playing, just like Kuperman in 1975. In 1963 and 1964 not only the Senegalese Federation of checkers was harmed, but especially Baba Sy!

Baba Sy died in a car accident on Sunday 20 August 1978. Finally in 1986 the World Draughts Federation decided to give him the posthumous title of world champion in 1963, which he certainly deserved as he was simply the best player in the world in 1962 and 1963 for many people.

CHAPTER 10

Baba Sy a legend in the Checkers' world

For many years Baba had an awful grave stone. The old grave stone was not truly reflecting of Baba Sy's religion and dignity. Therefore it was finally replaced by a more suitable one with Arabic and Roman letters several years ago.

One of the draughts players who prayed at Baba Sy's grave was his master Mansour Kouaté. When finishing his prayers Kouaté used to blow on his hands. Later he made movements with his fingers on the soil of Baba's grave, writing the name of the prophet of Islam in Arabic (Muhammad) on the grave; this is done in the Muslim cemeteries in Senegal and is a kind of benediction and prayer for the dead.

-Also I amazed the whites-, said Kouaté on the grave of Baba Sy. And he continued with: -I never have seen books on draughts or read them. Nevertheless, I beat them, with all their books. I never noted my parties, but after a month I still remembered all the moves. The whites were rather surprised about that; they could not understand it.-

The designs on the sand of Baba's grave were the mascot of God and the prophet. As Baba was a Muslim, Kouaté was asking God to bless his soul and the family he left behind. The prayer movements were a traditional ritual to honor his memory and to thank him once again for his life actions and all the good he did in draughts that made him a legend forever. That was the sense of the prayers movements and the meaning of the designs in the sand. There were lots of blessings for his soul and to keep alive and update his memories.

In March 2011 the Dutch team of draughts players paid a visit to Dakar. The organiser Ndongo Fall (in the red arbirer jacket of the World Mind Sports Games in 2008 in Beijing) and the treasurer Mamadou Ly were with them to see Baba Sy's grave in the Bakhikya de Yoff Muslim cemetery.



The grave of Baba Sy
Photo: KNDB Magazine, April 2011

His death was mourned by many checkers players who will always remember him. Today Baba Sy remains a legend in the checkers world.



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